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Pictured, from left, is the Mueller family in front of their Christmas tree: Morgan, 4; Brooke, 7; Hunter; Cord (on Hunter's lap), 2; Luke, 4; Caitlin, 7; Carla; and Ellie, 2. Unable to conceive naturally, the couple utilized in vitro fertilization and now has three sets of twins.

A promise to God

Parents of three sets of twins vowed fertilized embryos would have chance at life

By Meaghan Downs | News staff

Hunter Mueller drove past his frozen children every day on the way to work.

He'd pray to God to keep those six embryos safe, he said, because part of himself, as well as the future Mueller family, waited in that building at the UC Center for Reproductive Health in Cincinnati.

"Literally, I pass right by that building," Hunter, who lives in Lawrenceburg and still commutes to Cincinnati, said as he sat on his living room couch next to his wife, Carla.

"I never got them out of my mind.

Every day I'd go by there it'd be a reminder that there are three embryos still frozen that could be my kids running around one day."

Today, Hunter and Carla need no reminder they now have three pairs of fraternal twins: Caitlin and Brooke, 7; Luke and Morgan, 4; and Ellie and Cord, 2.

Their children run in and out of the living room as he and Carla talk.

Luke and Morgan, both 4, interrupt the conversation wearing Darth Vader

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Meet the Muellers

Carla and Hunter Mueller, married September 1997

Children

Born 2005

Caitlin Grace, 7. The dependable one.

Brooke Faith, 7. The giving one.

Born 2008

Morgan Hope, 4. The girly girl.

Luke Colton, 4. Full of energy.

Born 2010

Ellie Joy, 2. The smiley one.

Cord Weston, 2. The explosive one.

Gun scare leads to man's arrest

Police warn of airsoft gun dangers

By Ben Carlson
News staff

With the nation on edge following the recent mass shooting in Connecticut, it's understandable that West Park Plaza McDonald's customers became concerned when they saw a young man holding what appeared to be a .45 caliber handgun outside of the restaurant last Wednesday afternoon.

They became even more concerned when the man, Mark A. Vest, 18, of 1128 Gregory Lane allegedly stuffed the gun into the back of his pants and started walking into the restaurant with two other men.

The gun turned out to be what's known as an airsoft gun, loosely described as replica firearms that fire plastic pellets via electric, gas or spring-driven pistons.

Lawrenceburg police officers Jeremy Cornish and Josh Satterly and Chief Chris Atkins responded to calls from frightened restaurant staff and customers and eventually charged Vest with disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor, according to a citation on file with the Lawrenceburg Police Department.

Police confiscated the gun, according to the citation.

Airsoft guns have become increasingly popular among young people. They come in models ranging from handguns to machine guns, and in some cases are

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"We, as police officers, are trained not to take a

chance. If a person or child, for whatever reason, were to pull that out in front of an officer, it's going to be a bad day for everyone."

—Chris Atkins
Police chief



Health board says Wright is right man for the job

Former interim named next health department director

By Ben Carlson
News staff

Tim Wright shed the interim label he has had for the past 10 months after the Anderson County Board of Health unanimously selected him as health department director last Thursday night.

The health board interviewed Wright and two

other candidates in closed session before publically voting Wright into the position.

Wright beamed when the board voted as his wife, Tammy Lou, and several health department staff members applauded the decision.

Afterward he said having the interim label removed doesn't mean his goals have changed.

"My first goal, as always, is to take care of the 21,000

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Photo by Meaghan Downs

'HUGS FOR SANDY'

A mother hugs her son during the 'Hugs for Sandy' memorial event held Dec. 21 at the Lawrenceburg Green pavilion to pray for shooting victims in Connecticut. For more, see A2.

Ex-city councilman charged with being drunk at meeting

Kays arrested after being removed from fiscal court

By Ben Carlson
News staff

A man who once served on Lawrenceburg City

Council and ran unsuccessfully for mayor was arrested Tuesday night for alcohol intoxication during a meeting of the Anderson County Fiscal Court.

Allen Kays, 68, of 1048 David Drive, was escorted from the fiscal court cham-

bers moments after magistrates concluded a work session.

Kays was asked to step outside by Sheriff Troy Young, who regularly attends fiscal court meetings. Young spoke briefly with Kays before escorting him on foot from the fiscal court chambers to the sheriff's office, located several hundred yards away on South Main Street.

Kays, who was heard denying he had been drink-

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Kays

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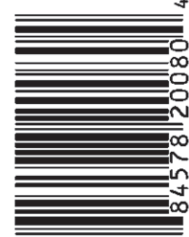
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masks and carrying balloons from a Christmas church service at First Baptist Church.

The story they're retelling is one they don't repeat often. The first and only time Hunter and Carla have spoken publicly about how their family came to be was during a Father's Day testimony last summer at First Baptist Church.

They're private people, Hunter said.

And it's a complicated story to explain to passersby in the mall, Carla said, who often ask the popular question, "Do twins run in your family?"

Hunter and Carla haven't explained exactly how their family formed to their kids either; Hunter says they have the rest of their lives to understand.

"We have mentioned to them before that they are special babies," Carla said. "That we waited a long time to have them."

'Never giving up'

Carla, an Anderson County native, and Hunter, originally from Conroe, Texas, met while working at Rand McNally in 1996. They had their first date in January of 1997 and were married that September at First Baptist Church in Lawrenceburg.

Carla and Hunter wanted to enjoy alone time as a couple, they said, before beginning their family. They talked about kids early on in their relationship, even choosing a potential name for a boy or a girl.

But after five years of marriage, Carla visited the doctor and discovered she would not be able to conceive a child naturally.

No reason existed for Carla's scarred and damaged fallopian tubes, she said.

"I think we both knew that we would have kids in our life," Carla said. "We were just kind of hoping that we'd have our own. So we could see, you know, 'put a little Carla and a little Hunter together and what do you get?' And they'd be ours."

Carla's doctor suggested in vitro fertilization. Both Carla, then about 30, and Hunter, about 32, were healthy and good candidates for in vitro fertilization, a procedure that involves stimulating an overproduction of eggs from the mother, then combining sperm and a viable egg outside of the uterus and is later implanted.

The Muellers explored options such as adoption, but decided to try conceiving biological children first.

The IVF process isn't easy, Carla and Hunter said.



Photos by Meaghan Downs

Dad Hunter, left, assists his son Luke, 4, with his Advent calendar.

Most people don't realize IVF comes with daily shots of fertility drugs with long needles, days of bed rest after fertilized embryos are implanted.

At first, Carla was as ignorant as anyone else.

"I'm sitting there thinking you have to take a pill or something like that," Carla said when she first received the medical kit containing fertility drugs and instructional videos. "And then there's this big, huge box with long needles in it."

When the Muellers first started the IVF process in 2003, an embryo conceived through in vitro had a less than 25 percent chance of living to birth.

Now, according to the National Library of Medicine, women under the age of 35 have a 41-43 percent chance of giving birth to a baby conceived through assisted reproductive technology.

"They can't guarantee anything," Hunter said of in vitro. "The odds are very minimal."

The first time, Carla had three embryos implanted. Carla ended up with complications and fluid build up in her abdomen.

"Actually, it looked like I was pregnant," Carla said. "But I wasn't, of course."

Doctors drained four liters' worth of fluid. None of the embryos survived.

The Muellers tried again. Again, Carla did not get pregnant.

In vitro fertilization is not cheap. All of the procedures and fertility drugs cost the Muellers (who said they received financial assistance in the beginning from Carla's parents Carl and Sandra Mueller) about \$17,000 to \$18,000 for the first IVF cycle.

Later, Hunter's health insurance with a new job helped to shoulder some of the costs of the procedure.

Freezing fertilized eggs cuts down on cost, Carla said.

Unfreezing and planting

those eggs costs a few thousand dollars for each cycle, Hunter said.

Going through in vitro fertilization is stressful, Hunter and Carla said, physically and emotionally draining.

"Oh, we cried a lot," Hunter said, recalling the first unsuccessful procedure. He and Carla laugh a little. "It was sad."

The couple had just built their house in Lawrenceburg, a large home in which they thought they might end up alone.

But in 2005, as Hunter and Carla tried in vitro fertilization for the last time, two embryos made it to birth and the Muellers became parents to twins Caitlin and Brooke.

The odds of having twins increase with IVF, but it's rare for them to live until birth, Hunter and Carla said. If embryos are frozen, the odds decrease even further.

They didn't wish for twins every time; the couple attributes having three pairs of healthy twins to it being "a God thing" and part of God's plan for the Mueller family.

"Just the chance of all of them unfreezing, and being able to put and the percentage of that taking, the odds were so not in our favor for us to have twins, twins and twins," Carla said.

After Caitlin and Brooke were born, the Muellers froze the rest of the embryos, 10 in total. They sometimes joke that actually, all of their children are the same age.

Both active members at First Baptist Church, Carla and Hunter always believed life begins at conception, they said.

"There is a lot of controversy about [IVF] because people think, and I tried to say in my testimony, doctors are creating babies and they're not," Hunter said. "They're just allowing the conditions to have the possibility of having a pregnancy. We just thought all long, I



Mom Carla helps Ellie, 2, open up one of the days on the Advent calendar.

guess we never debated that, we just thought that if God's will was for us to have kids, then he would allow us to have kids."

So the couple made a promise to God, they said. Every embryo successfully fertilized would have a chance at life.

Because of that promise the Muellers needed to prepare to expand their family unit further than they ever imagined.

"What we did from day one is that we promised God that any embryos that he granted us that were viable to be placed back into Carla we were going to give a chance at life," Hunter said.

"I definitely never imagined it would be six kids," Carla, who said she wanted to be a mom since she was playing a kid with baby dolls. "I think just God blessed us with that."

'It runs in the family'

Carla and Hunter stress three things with their children: to have a relationship with Jesus; to work hard and never give up; and to be there for each other.

Similar in their core principles and values, the Muellers' journey through in vitro fertilization has made the relationship with his wife stronger, Hunter said.

"Deep down, we know we're solid," he said.

Caitlin and Brooke, the first set of twins, also know what it's like to be there for each other.

When asked who was the best twin, Brooke immediately cocked a thumb at her sister, Caitlin.

"That's Brooke's giving side," Carla laughed.

The twin sisters have grand

plans to open a hotel on the beach. Brooke, a horse lover, will arrange horseback rides for guests to the hotel. Caitlin, who wants to be an architect, will be allowed to live at the hotel if she designs it.

Every Mueller child has his or her own personality.

Morgan, 4, holds up her new Barbie doll at every opportunity. Ellie smiles, then hides around the corner before opening up her Advent calendar.

Luke continues to walk around the house in his Darth Vader mask. He asks if he can put on the entire outfit.

"He has a will," Carla said of her 2-year-old son Cord. "He will find a way at everything."

Including dunking toothbrushes into the toilet. Carla is constantly boiling toothbrushes, she said.

Last Thursday, Carla wasn't boiling toothbrushes, however. The Mueller children opened Advent calendars, one for every set of twins.

The calendars are one of the Mueller Christmas traditions, including buying gifts for the Angel Tree at Walmart, filling shoeboxes for Operation Shoebox with their church, and visiting with family members in Anderson County.

On Christmas Day the Muellers will visit with Lavenia and Onis Peach, Carla's grandparents on her father's side.

But before the big day, the Mueller family will be spending Christmas Eve with Carla's parents and her grandma Virginia Isham.

The grandmother with twins in her family tree.

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Community members pray, reflect on Sandy Hook tragedy

By Meaghan Downs
News staff

More than 25 people braved the cold and windy snow to remember the victims of the Dec. 14 mass school shooting in Newtown,

Conn., during the 'Hugs for Sandy' memorial event held last Friday morning.

The idea for the service came from second grader Brianna May, who

was handing out white carnations and programs to bundled-up attendees.

Brianna also came up with the name of the event, "Hugs for Sandy," because "people like

hugs."

"I just wanted to do something nice," Brianna said.

The service included prayers for the families of those affected by the Sandy Hook Elementary

shooting, as well as a symbolic balloon release.

The balloons represented the victims, Bri-

anna said.

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Sheriff Troy Young, left, endorses Tim Wright during last Thursday's meeting of the Anderson County Board of Health.

WRIGHT

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citizens of Anderson County," Wright said. "Second is to take care of the 17 employees of the health department and, third, to make sure we end up in the black every year on June 30."

Wright had the full support of the board of health, but also support from other public officials including Sheriff Troy Young, who endorsed Wright during last Thursday's meeting.

"When he took over as interim he called me and we had a sit-down," Young said. "He said this is what I can do for your office, and I was amazed because in all my years I had never worked with a health director.

"We have a great working relationship and when I need something, I have Tim on speed dial."

Detective Bryan Taylor of the sheriff's office also spoke on Wright's behalf, saying he has played an integral role in investigating a large sewage dump on Wildcat Road earlier this month.

"We call each other two to three times a day," said Taylor, who is leading the investigation. "He has been a wealth of knowledge and has been able to do several things I could not do."

Wright has righted the health department's financial woes during his time as interim, leading into profitability a department that was losing nearly \$200,000 a year.

Following the meeting, Wright said he sincerely appreciates the support of those who have helped him during the past 10 months and looks forward to serving in the future.

"I appreciate my staff for being hard working and supportive, and for their dedication to the people of Anderson County," Wright said.

"I would like to thank Sheriff Troy Young and Det. Bryan Taylor for their support, as well as Judge-Executive John Wayne Conway for having confidence in me.

"I would also like to thank Mayor Baker and her staff; EMS Director Bart Powell; fire chiefs Mike Barnes and Robert Hume; and Coroner Mark Tussey.

"I owe special thanks for [outgoing health department chairman] Harold Todd for being so supportive during the previous nine months. He has been a wealth of knowledge and a big asset to me and this community.

"Just as importantly, I'd like to thank each and every member of the health board for their support and for caring about this community and wanting what's best for it."

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KAYS

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ing when he first walked outside with the sheriff, was charged with alcohol intoxication after a test showed his blood alcohol level was 0.88, just over the legal limit. He was charged and transported to the Shelby County Detention Center.

Kays, who frequently attends fiscal court meetings, smelled of what appeared to be alcohol when he arrived halfway through that night's work session. As he entered the meeting, he walked directly behind several magistrates seated at a table in the center of the room and chose a

seat next to County Attorney Bobbi Jo Lewis, who was seated next to the sheriff.

About 15 minutes later, Young took Kays outside as magistrates took a break and prepared to enter the regular portion of that night's meeting.

Tuesday's arrest is just the latest in a series of legal run-ins for Kays, who received nearly 1,200 votes in November's city council election, placing 10th among 12 candidates.

Known for riding around town on a small motor scooter and selling produce, Kays has been charged in the past with driving under the influence, and was once charged with armed robbery of a liquor store in Shelbyville.

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AIRSOFT

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made from identical materials as real guns. They can be easily modified and accessorized, including placing items such as grenade launchers, laser scopes and flashlights on the barrel.

While the guns are perfectly legal, they have caused considerable concern among police officers who have no way to determine if they are real, particularly when the orange tip that comes on the end of the barrel is removed.

During last Wednesday's incident at McDonald's, Satterly said Vest and his two friends were asked if they had any weapons before they were searched.

"They said no, but when we said raise your shirt, Vest had what appeared to be a firearm in the waist-band of his pants," Satterly said following the incident, adding that there was no way to visually tell if the gun was an airsoft or real.

Satterly said that's because the telltale orange tip on the end of the gun's barrel, which is placed on airsoft guns by manufacturers to differentiate them from real firearms, had been removed.

Removing the orange tip, Atkins said, is extremely dangerous.

"If they don't leave the orange tip on, the gun looks very real," Atkins said. "We, as police officers, are trained not to take a chance. If a person or child, for whatever reason, were to pull that out in front of an officer, it's going to be a bad day for everyone."

Atkins said parents should not allow those tips to be removed.

"They need to teach their children to treat these like real guns," Atkins said. "They need to leave the orange tip on there."

County Attorney Bobbi Jo Lewis was asked if removing that orange tip is illegal.

"I have been unable to locate any information in the criminal code that would indicate a prohibition against removing the orange tip," Lewis said in an e-mail to The Anderson News.

"Needless to say, although I have not found a specific prohibition at this point, it is my opinion that parents should approach the modification of these air guns with extreme caution," Lewis said.

"Further, it is my opinion, based on safety concerns for the children, the public and for law enforcement, that parents should monitor the possession



Photo by Ben Carlson

Officer Josh Satterly of the Lawrenceburg Police Department holds the airsoft gun that was confiscated from a Lawrenceburg man who was charged with disorderly conduct after displaying outside of the West Park Plaza McDonald's last Wednesday afternoon.

and use of these devices closely and certainly should not allow their children to carry them around in public either openly displayed or partially or wholly concealed, regardless of whether the device is modified or not.

"As I understand the description of these devices, it would be very easy and reasonably expected for law enforcement to mistake them for a real gun which could have devastating consequences."

Several airsoft enthusiast websites include message boards debating if users should remove the tips, which is frequently done to give the guns a more realistic look.

One website cautions users against removing the tips before checking with police to see if there are local ordinances against doing so.

Other websites offer detailed descriptions on how to remove the tips, including video links.

Last Wednesday's arrest marked the second time Vest has been charged in the past two weeks. He was also cited for second-degree criminal mischief Dec. 14 after allegedly driving a pickup truck on the grassy areas and basketball court at American Legion Park.

Vest was doing what police called "donuts" on the grassy areas, which damaged the fields, according to court documents.

He was scheduled to appear Dec. 27 in Anderson District Court on that charge.

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Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

Editor's note: The following was written by Francis P. Church and was first published in The New York Sun in 1897. Church married shortly after the editorial appeared. He died in April, 1906, leaving no children. Virginia O'Hanlon went on to graduate from Hunter College with a Bachelor of Arts degree at age 21. Virginia O'Hanlon Douglas died on May 13, 1971, at the age of 81, in a nursing home in Valatie, NY.

We take pleasure in answering thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

Dear Editor—

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?

—Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove?

Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Send your Christmas photos to the News

Perhaps the morning begins with the soft shuffling of socks tip-toeing down the stairs, drawn like pajama-clad moths to the Christmas tree glow.

Your Christmas morning may erupt with a bang, not a whimper, with excited screams and noisy rustle of wrapping paper torn and hastily set aside.

The holidays in the Downs family are more sedate these days, what with all of the formerly excitable children now grown-up and mature.

We resign ourselves to making silly faces during our annual dreaded photo shoot in front of the Christmas tree.

We're pretty serious people.

Though we all hate getting our picture taken, the Downs family likes to look back on former photos. Laugh at our various awkward stages of adolescence; our inability to look like we're enjoying ourselves.

But I can safely declare that we all secretly love those photos, a pictorial documentary of the life of our family.

We'd like to help you document your family memories as well.

Did you take an annual Christmas family photo at your church or other place of worship?

Doesn't matter if it was Christmas Eve or Christmas morning; we'd like to show your smiling (or not so smiling) faces in the paper.

Did you take photos while opening up gifts? Caroling at the neighbors'

house? Playing board games or an annual game of football?

How many generations gather for your holiday events? Did you capture the moment in a Christmas photo?

If so, please send those photos to us at The Anderson News to be published in an upcoming edition of the newspaper.

E-mail mdowns@theandersonnews.com with your Christmas morning (or if you're like my family, Christmas afternoon or evening) photos.

Please identify individuals in each picture from left to right, and include a brief description of what is happening in the photo. Then attach the JPEG file to an e-mail and you're set.

Speaking of families, I had the privilege of interviewing and photographing the Mueller family, who talked about the trials and joys of having three sets of twins conceived through in vitro fertilization (see A1 for the full story on the Muellers.)

I'd like to thank Hunter and Carla Mueller (and of course, their children Caitlin, Brooke, Luke, Morgan, Ellie and Cord) for allowing me to interrupt their evening, take a bunch of photos and ask a ton of questions.

Talking with Anderson County families like the Muellers and being able to write about their life experience is what I love (among other things) about being a journalist — storytelling.

So thank you, Muellers, for your stories. And happy holidays!

Comment at theandersonnews.com.



Meaghan Downs
Staff writer



Joan Martin
Guest columnist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Carlson's 'knee-jerk' reaction to shootings was in 'poor taste'

To the editor:

Although only two weeks ago I was happy to see someone defend Mr. Carlson's right to use the editorial column as a platform for his personal views, I think his recent self-styled rant regarding guns was in poor taste; it sounded like a hastily written knee-jerk reaction from the NRA rather than a sympathetic expression of a compassionate human being in the company of those dealing with a national tragedy.

While his own AR rifle, similar if not identical to the one used in Friday's massacre, may "have nothing on a much more innocuous looking gun I use to hunt deer," it is still capable of being set to deliver three-shot bursts (poor sportsmanship in hunting, and murderous when turned on people) and can be made fully automatic with only a rubber band, as a video on youtube.com demonstrates.

The pro-gun response to the Sandy Hook massacre, has brought us everything from "arm the teachers" to "guns don't kill people; people kill people." We live in a community where guns are an important part of the culture, so we should all be thinking about what we can do to keep something like this tragedy from happening again.

I do not think the high ground in the discussion is to be found in belittling the opinions of those who see a need for intelligent gun reform. The statistics show how badly we need to reduce the use of guns by coldly calculating felons, as well as by teenagers whose lives are so out of his control they can only strike out at others.

As for the first response to Sandy Hook — protecting the schools by arming our teachers — my thoughts are that no teacher can exemplify the values I want my children learning when he or she is carrying a deadly weapon.

And the teacher would have to carry it; leaving it in a desk drawer invites theft, and locking in that drawer puts it out of reach in the emergency for which it is needed.

Regardless of anything else said or done, the message heard by children too young to comprehend the complexity of the situation would be, "Everything you've seen on TV is true. This is the best and surest way to protect yourself. I carry a gun, and you should, too."

Soon the gun becomes the primary instrument of

conflict resolution, which it sadly already is in too many of our cities, and gun violence spirals out of control in schools around the country.

As for the other extreme, yes, it is people, not the guns, that kill people. But people with guns can do more effective killing, at a distance, in far less time than those without them. Let's face it; the only way to make guns less available to the criminal or the psychotic is to make them less available to all of us. This calls for a sacrifice on the part of those who cherish their weaponry, but we all make sacrifices — give up some of our liberties — in the interest of the greater good of our society.

But short of divesting ourselves of our arms caches, there are other things to do:

1. Keep your weapons under your own control. Lock your guns up and conceal the key. Keep the ammunition in a separate place. If you or anyone in the house has trouble with anger or depression, put the key in a lockbox at the bank so that getting at your guns is impossible to do on an impulse.

2. Understand, and teach your teenagers to understand, that the typical juvenile brain has not developed the areas that are responsible for controlling impulses. This is a fact of physiology. Put another way, in people under the age of about 22, acting rashly is the norm (as most parents have always suspected). Help your children by making it impossible for them to act on dangerous impulses. Adam Lanza, if he had lived to be 30, would have been grateful.

3. Teach your kids that, despite the example hammered into them on commercial television, violence does not solve problems; it only creates them. It is the weak and stupid man's way of prevailing. Carrying a gun does not mean you are big and strong. It means you are too dumb to think of a better way, so try harder."

David Thomson
Hammonds Creek Road

Working with CASA proves rewarding

To the editor:

A few years ago you wrote an article about Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA), a national nonprofit organization which trains and supports volunteers to serve as advocates for the best interest of children in the foster care and child welfare systems.

At that time the Franklin County CASA chapter was serving not only Franklin County, but Anderson County as well. I thank you for raising this very important issue for the article captured my attention and encouraged me to explore the program further. I learned so much about CASA and its impact on children who are victims of abuse and neglect.

Today, CASA has an office in Anderson County to better serve the children in our community. Our local office is currently advocating for 55 children in our county, but the need is great, more children are waiting, and there are not enough CASA volunteers to advocate for all in need.

I continue to be amazed at the number of vulnerable children right here in our own communities; children who have had to be removed from a dangerous situation in the home, or whose single parents become ill, institutionalized or incarcerated. These children deserve better — they deserve to be treated with dignity and respect and they deserve the chance to live in a safe and loving home. That is why the CASA program exists.

What is most surprising — and disheartening — is that during this incredibly vulnerable time in a young life, the foster care and family court systems are simply too overworked to deal with the unique needs and rights of each child. As a result, too many children in the system get bounced from house to house, having to change schools numerous times in just a few years. Siblings often get split up because there is not enough room for larger families. It is sad, but a heartbreaking reality for these children.

When I first considered this volunteer opportunity, I worried that I would not have enough time to give. I was wrong. It is amazing that, as busy as we are, we always seem to find the time to do what we believe is important. The rewards are greater than I could ever have imagined and I can think of no better investment of my time. For more information about CASA or to seek volunteer or donation opportunities, please contact s.ritchey@fewpb.net or call the CASA office at 502.875.0702.

Today I am a CASA volunteer because I want to stand up for a child. I urge others to join me.

Dianne Andrews
Lawrenceburg

A sure-fire way to get kids to eat spinach

The children at Head Start were eating spinach and enjoying it this week.

At least most of them tried it and most of those who tried it, liked it.

I prepared spinach salad with fruit. The recipe is below. The secret to getting them to eat the spinach is the strawberries. The surprise taste is the orange juice.

Here are some tips for handling your child who is a choosy eater.

Don't be a short order cook. Instead offer the same food for the entire family. Offer nutritious foods. Serve at least one food that your child will eat.

If you cater to food orders, you may encourage your child to be choosy.

Provide just two or three choices of food at a meal, not a huge number. Sometimes a child has to see or taste a food several times before she decides that she likes it.

Stay positive and avoid criticizing your child for being choosy.

Serve new foods plain, and respect the no food touching rule if that's important to your child. For example, if you are serving sweet potato casserole during the holidays, set aside a small amount of plain sweet potatoes before making the casserole. That way your child can try the food plain and you won't be preparing a separate dish.

Consider what your child eats over several days when deciding if your child is eating a variety of food.

Be patient and avoid conflict. Be nonchalant about your child's food choices if an issue arises. That way, your child won't learn to use food as a way to exert control.

There are many benefits to family meals including a lower rate of risky behavior by children as they grow older. Encourage all family members to eat together and talk. Do not allow TV watching during meals.

Spinach Salad with Fruit

Four servings (each serving provides more than three

servings of fruit and vegetables)

1 tbsp. olive oil (substitute canola oil if desired)
1/4 cup white vinegar
1 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice
1/2 cup orange juice
4 cups fresh spinach
4 cups fresh strawberries (about 1 carton)
1 apple such as Delicious or Gala
Salt and black pepper to taste

Wash spinach and remove stems. Drain. Wash, core, and slice strawberries. Wash, core, and dice the apple.

Whisk together olive oil, vinegar, lemon juice, orange juice, salt and pepper.

Mix together in a large bowl and serve immediately. This salad does not keep well so only make the amount that will be enjoyed immediately. Nutrition per serving: Calories 120; Fat 3.5 g; Cholesterol 0g; Fiber 6 g; Sodium varies to taste; Vitamin A 55%; Vitamin C 200%; Calcium 5%; Iron 9%.

Joan Martin is a family and consumer sciences agent at the Anderson County Extension office.

New year brings new list of chores

Well, next up is New Year's. As in the ancient holiday, we should celebrate the old year's successes, and plan our new hopes for the new year. Write them down and place the list someplace you'll see every day. Work toward those goals.

The list doesn't have to be big or logical. It's your list. Just motivate yourself to get it done. Now, with that in mind, doing something with the Christmas tree may be on your list. If you decorated with a real tree, you get to choose what to do with it. later.

If you have a friend with a deep fishing pond, ask them if you can dump it in the pond for fish habitat. You can also find a chipper and make your own mulch. If you have blackberries you will be amazed at the difference this mulch makes in harvest yields. Use the core trunk as a trellis. They naturally repel bugs.

Maybe you were going to do that 12 Days After Christmas thing I wrote about last week. I did have a couple of folks ask about that. Let me explain it to you as a monthly weather forecast for 2013.

Just write down the weather (temperature, precipitation, wind) on each of 12 days, beginning with today, Dec. 26. Today's weather will then predict the type of weather we are going to have in the overall month of January 2013. Write down the weather for Dec. 27 and that will be February, and so on until you reach Jan. 6 for December 2013. That's a total of 12 days to predict 12 month's of weather. Hey, we all thought counting the number of fogs to predict snow storms was weird. Anything is possible.

Maybe another item from your list is to plan out your garden ahead of time. You can save yourself so much time and money, if you plan your garden out on paper. Once you do it you'll find it easier every year and still helpful. We sometimes get too stuck in our ways. Change is good, especially if you can control it.

This year I am changing the way I plant my pole beans. Last year I had them planted in two long rows, up the orange fencing and higher up trellis lines that I strung. They jumped to the other line and I had to creep in a duck walk, under a tunnel of beans, because they got too heavy. A bean tunnel is cool, though. I have done one in the

past, based on one I had seen at Rodale Farms.

The only trouble with doing one here was snakes. I of coursed laid newspaper and straw down as mulch, all around the growing area. So, when the pole beans crawled up and eventually covered the wire fencing, they created a high tunnel bridge. One that you can walk under and pick in the shade.

Turns out that fluffy high straw on top of slick smooth newspaper makes for ideal snake bedding. Thankfully, my dogs are way smarter than me and notified me each time, before my sandaled foot stepped on one. I had that same problem with my cucumber patch the first year I was here. I always grow them up a trellis now.

Maybe you had something on your list like be nicer to the planet in some way. Of all the things you could do, including eating totally locally grown food, you can make a bigger difference by eating cow products two times less, each week. Sounds freaky I know, but statistically correct.

Now, the new seed and gardening catalogs will be arriving in the mail any day now. Online catalogs will be available even faster. Many new heirlooms have been added to Seeds of Change and other seed companies. I can't wait to get my hands on some of Bane's Mountain Cornfield Beans. Years ago, my friend Marshal told me all about these beans. Oh, I wanted some in the worst way. One day he found a jar in a corner of a field that must have sat in that field for decades. I tried like crazy to get one of those to germinate. No luck.

Now, someone has the bean and I going to get it too. This is a pole bean. Most pole beans grow string beans up a trellis or something. After you pick the beans you have to break and string them. The string is like a zipper on the bean. Two zippers per bean, actually. This Bane's Bean is a snap bean. Snap beans don't have a zipper. You just break them in half. Some folks think the taste is worth the extra stringing work. This bean has the flavor of a string bean, slightly nutty. I'm so excited.

Now, go make that list of yours. We have been blessed with incredibly warm weather so far. But now, it's winter. We need to be prepared for anything Mother Nature decides to send our way this wonderful new year. Happy growing.

Cheryl Steenerson is a gardening columnist for The Anderson News.



Cheryl Steenerson
Columnist

Revenge on friend will be sweet

The burly guy with a hammer on his belt told me he was going to whoop my you-know-what.

It wasn't the first time someone who recognizes me from my day job has given me the stink eye, and most certainly won't be the last.

I've been f-bombed clean out of stores — once while buying potato chips for my kid's youth baseball picnic — by people whose family members were listed in crime reports or court dockets.

Years ago, I had an angry guy roughly the size of a small mountain jump over the newspaper's front counter, chase me right out the back door and most of the way down a fire escape. I'm short but slow, but slithered away from this hulk long enough to get to find sanctuary in the police station across the street.

Once, the day after a political primary, some disgruntled candidate or one of his yellow-dog supporters snuck into my back yard and threw rocks through the windows of my house.

I'm usually able to talk folks who confront me off the edge, but the fellow with the hammer didn't appear interested in anything I had to say. He was clearly angry and looked like a bull with a freshly tightened flank strap around the parts that distinguish boys from girls.

This started when I stopped to check a house a friend is fixing up to sell. He wasn't around when I walked in, but a fellow I'd never seen strolled into the kitchen and immediately gave me the "I recognize you" look, which was followed quickly by the "I can't stand you" look.

I said hello, anyway, and the first words out of his mouth were "What's your name?"

"Ben," I said, leaving off my common, but not around here, last name.

"You work at the newspaper, don't you?"

It wasn't a question but I still said yes.

"You're the guy who put my friend's son in the newspaper and called him a crack head, aren't you?"

Again not a question. I told him

that's not a term I'd use to describe someone in the newspaper, but I knew his friend's name and that his friend's son has indeed been in the paper on drug-related charges.

"Well, that boy means the world to me and you called him a crack head," he said.

I issued another denial but by now the guy — I later learned he goes by Big Rick — had steam coming from his flaring nostrils, his fists were balled and he had taken at least two steps toward me.

Now, I've been my share of tight corners. He isn't the first who would like to slap me silly — an occupational hazard that comes with the job.

But threats of violence aren't usually carried out because the person, deep down inside, knows that swatting someone — even me — is a sure-fire way to be wearing handcuffs in fairly short order.

This time, though, was different and with the guy now nearly nose to nose with me, I was certain we were going to trade blows. With headlines such as "Newspaper editor jailed following brawl at friend's house" dancing through my soon to be punched head, I did my best to prepare.

But as I positioned my feet and balled my right fist, the guy looked at me, broke into a huge grin and said, "Aw, man, I'm just kidding."

About that time my friend (I now use that term very loosely with this guy) and several others came around the corner laughing their fool heads off.

Stunned and hoping my heart didn't beat right out of my chest, I just stood there slack-jawed and wondering what in the world had just happened.

After a moment or two I joined them in their laughter, and Big Rick apologized about a half-dozen times for his Academy Award winning performance.

Now that I've had a few days to reflect, I've decided retribution is clearly in order, and I'm enlisting the help of other well-known pranksters to assist.

To my so-called friend, all I can say is that when you least expect it, expect it.

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OBITUARIES

JOHN DAVID STRATTON, 78

John David Stratton, 78, died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, Dec. 22 at 10 a.m. at Gash Memorial Chapel.

EUGENE LOUIS WATSON, 85

Eugene Louis Watson, 85 of Lebanon, Ky., died Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2012 at his residence.

He was born the son of Ray Adolphus and Lilith Vivian Benningfield Watson.

Survivors include son Gordon Louis Watson, three daughters Wanda Tharp, Alice Watteau and Eva Jo Nugent.

Funeral services were held Dec. 16 at Bosley Funeral Home. Interment was in Ryder Cemetery.

MARY ANN MILLER MCEVOY WOLFE, 49

Mary Ann Miller McEvoy Wolfe, 49, of Ft. Wayne, died Dec. 17, 2012, at Parkview Hospice after a short illness.



Wolfe

She is survived by her husband, Timothy Wolfe; daughter, Rachael Lynn McEvoy of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; mother, Clara "Midge" Miller; brothers, Bill (Elaine) Jackson of Ft. Wayne, Ind., Gene (Josephine) Miller of Bakersfield, Calif.; and her sister, Karen (Allan) Tucker of Lawrenceburg; as well as two special friends "Gizmo and Heidi," and a host of loving friends and extended family.

Rite of Christian burial was held Dec. 21 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. Burial followed in the Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials to Ft. Wayne Animal Care and Control. To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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Pictured, from left, are Katie Rogers, Donna C. Drury, Opal Phillips, 2012 Roy Robinson Community Award recipient Dave Richmond, outgoing Anderson County Chamber of Commerce Chairman Jennifer Harris, Tommy Yankey and Nettie Halvorson.

Citizens nominated for Roy Robinson Award

From staff reports

Six Anderson County community members were nominated for the 2012 Chamber of Commerce Roy Robinson Community Award.

Members could submit nominations for the Roy Robinson Community Award, given to Anderson County citizens

who participate in community service, Chamber of Commerce President Pam Rice said.

A final survey of nominees was voted on by chamber of commerce members, Rice said.

Edwardo's Pizza General Manager Dave Richmond received the 2012 Community

Roy Robinson Award and was recognized for his community service at the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Gala on Dec. 8.

Other nominees for this year's Roy Robinson Award include Katie Rogers, an Anderson County high school student with the Anderson Youth Community Council; Donna

C. Drury, who volunteers with the Adult Learning Center and multiple Anderson County non-profit organizations; Opal Phillips, volunteer with the Anderson Senior Citizens Center; Tommy Yankey, Anderson County extension agent; and Nettie Halvorson, American Legion Auxiliary member.



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MAINSOURCE DONATES TO MEDICAL CLINIC

MainSource Bank in Lawrenceburg makes a \$3,500 donation last Tuesday to the Anderson County Community Medical Clinic. From left are Jane Bennett, Carol Stewart, Teresa Noel, Jacque Zeller, April Thomas and Joan Martin.



Photo by Meaghan Downs

DONATION FOR SHOP WITH A COP

The Legion Auxiliary recently donated \$500 to the Sheriff's Office Shop with a Cop program, held last Saturday. Pictured, from left, are Nettie Halvorson, Shirley Thornberry, Sue Hyatt, Officer Alan Robinson, Det. Bryan Taylor, Officer Greg Boblitt, Betty Butler and Officer Tony Likens.

Retiring circuit clerk to offer refreshments

From staff report

The public is invited to join retiring Anderson County Circuit Court Clerk Jan Rogers on Friday, Dec. 28 from 1 to 4 p.m. to enjoy holiday refreshments, her office announced.

Rogers has served for 30 years in the justice system.

"I want to thank the people of Anderson County for electing me as your circuit court clerk in 1994," she said. "It has truly been an honor and privilege to serve you. I am blessed to have had your kindness and support."

"For those of you who served as jurors on the Grand Jury, District and Circuit Court petit juries, a heartfelt thank you for providing an invaluable service to your community."

"I sincerely appreciate your service."



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Anderson County Circuit Court Clerk Jan Rogers accepts an award from Judge-Executive John Wayne Conway during a retirement party held in her honor last Thursday at the county courthouse.

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Technology helps soldier witness son's birth from Africa

From staff reports

Although Specialist E4 James Francis Osbourne is stationed in Africa, the soldier got to see his son's birth at Flaget Memorial, thanks to Internet technology used for the first time at the Bardstown hospital, according to information provided by the hospital.



Osbourne

Osborne, a member of the Kentucky National Guard, Battery C, of Bardstown, and his wife, Brittany, knew their baby would arrive during James' deployment in Africa. That's why the couple developed a way for the dad to "take part" in their child's birth at Flaget. The expectant mom bought a portable computer and a web camera two months before the birth. Then the couple began talking with each other via the SKYPE program.

Since each SKYPE participant can see and hear the other using a computer, "it's pretty much like having a normal conversation," Brittany Osbourne said.

On the morning of the Nov. 4 birth, Brittany was home in Springfield talking with her husband in Djibouti, Africa, via SKYPE. Her labor pains were getting sharper. She told James how much they hurt.

"He called his mother and told her to take me to the hospital," the expectant mom said. "He said it was time for me to go — and he was right!"

Her PC was the most important thing the mother took to the hospital. As soon as she was settled into a room, James was able to witness the birth process through SKYPE.

"He stayed on throughout the entire time," Brittany said. "Even though he had worked 16 hours before that, he still stayed with me through it all."

Via a computer, James was Brittany's birthing coach, the 21-year-old mother said.

As a first-time mom, "I was scared," she said. "I was so grateful to have him there. He helped keep me calm. That definitely helped out."

Dr. Hannah Hall, the OB/GYN who delivered the baby, made sure that James had a good view of the process.

"Once Brittany was ready to start pushing, we placed the computer on the bedside table, at the head of her bed, and elevated it so that he could participate as if he were there," Hall said.

Christian Francis Osbourne, weighing 6 pounds and 8 ounces, made his entrance at 10:25 p.m. that Sunday.

James seemed almost "mesmerized" at the sight of his newborn, his wife said.

"I could tell he was excited and heartbroken at the same time," Brittany said.

"I had all kinds of emotions, considering the circumstances. I was amazed, at first, to see my new baby.

"But it still hurt me that James wasn't there."

It will probably be spring of 2013 before the soldier gets



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James Osbourne, a soldier stationed in Africa, was able to take part in his baby's birth in Bardstown via the SKYPE Internet program. Brittany Osbourne, left, had the baby, Christian Francis Osbourne, delivered by Flaget Birth Center OB/GYN Dr. Hannah Hall.

back to Kentucky to cradle his son in his arms. In the meantime, Brittany intends to train as a paramedic.

Whether James will seek re-enlistment in the military after he gets out has not been decided.

All in all, Brittany was grateful to be able to use

SKYPE in the Flaget Birth Center, she said.

For Hall, it was definitely a first. SKYPE is something she hopes other military dads who can't be present will use to take part in their children's births.

"It was wonderful to be able to support one of our sol-

diers," said Hall, who works in Flaget's Women's Care of Bardstown practice with Dr. Amy Farrell. "Amy and I are always looking for new ways to help people have the best experience they can. I was proud that we could offer this to one of our fathers in the armed forces."



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Pictured, from left, are Betty Butler presenting the check to Billy Dove, Rex Tharpe; back row; Margie Gehefer, Debra Cummins, Shirley Thornberry, Dalton Cox and George Cummins Jr.

Wounded heroes visit Lawrenceburg's Healing Field

From staff reports

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 34 presented a \$500 check for "Operation Second Chance" to Billy Dove.

Dove is with the NPLB, formerly known as No Person Left Behind. NPLB is a permanent part of "Operation Second Chance" in helping heroes move on, according to an Auxiliary press release.

"NPLB is an independent charity that allows like-minded professional hunters, fishermen and outdoor-minded people to ensure that disabled veterans receive the best outdoor hunting and fishing opportunities," the press release said.

"Billy drove all night from Maryland with two service members to Lawrenceburg to deer hunt with

George Cummins Jr., owner of Salt River Outfitters Hunting Service. Rex Tharpe from Indiana was picked up at Walter Reed hospital. Rex served in the army and Dalton Cox is from Utah and served in the marines. The organization does 30 trips per year with disabled veterans.

"NPLB aids in the recovery and rehabilitation of injured service members from all branches of service. All of the veterans' hunting and fishing equipment and hotel rooms are paid for by the organization. These expenses are paid for by donation."

For more information or to make a donation to "Operation Second Chance" go to www.operationsecondchance.org. Unit 34 members presented all three men with a Healing Field T-shirt.



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Pictured are Legion Auxiliary members with Santa during the Auxiliary's Lunch with Santa event Dec. 9.

Legion Auxiliary hosts Lunch with Santa

From staff reports

The American Legion Auxiliary held its annual Lunch with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 9. Santa came to the Legion on the fire truck.

There were about 100 children who got their picture taken while sitting on Santa's lap.

Santa gave a bag of candy to each child.

Many parents and grandparents attended with the children.

Hot dogs, jelly sandwiches, chips, cookies and soft drinks were served to everyone.

Junior members entertained the children with games, coloring books and crayons while waiting their turn to see Santa. Each child

received a small gift as they came in.

AYCC children arrived early to make cards for the troops and to assist in getting ready for Santa. Two volunteers from the service group "Everyone Plays" also assisted.

Many Auxiliary members, Post and SAL members volunteered to work the event.

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Middle school students compete in Patrick Henry speech contest

From staff reports

Middle school students in eighth grade teacher Lisa Petrey-Kirk's class recently competed in an oratory contest Dec. 17 featuring the recitation of an excerpt

from historical figure Patrick Henry's famous speech during the American Revolution.

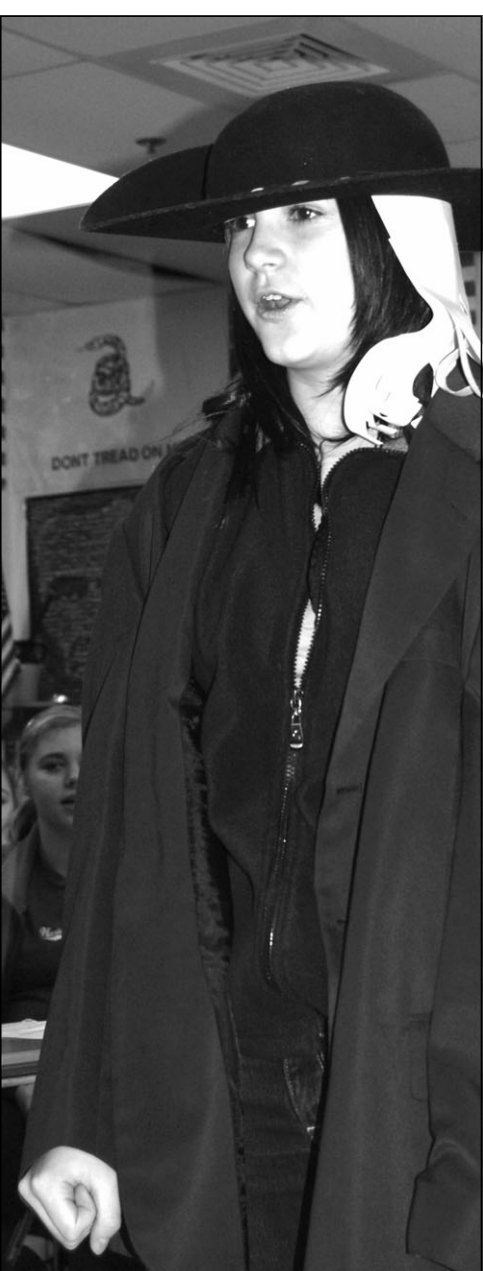
According to Petrey-Kirk, the students are "learning about the men (and women) who stood for freedom," studying the great period orators and the effect that persuasive speech can have on people.

"As part of the study, they are memorizing stirring speeches in

history that contributed to our independence while learning to stand for democracy themselves," Petrey-Kirk said via e-mail. "The speech was a portion of a Patrick Henry speech made in the Virginia Assembly in 1774."

Judges for the contest were Gina Fultz, Tammy Gilkison, Travis York and Derek Shouse.

The winner of the contest was Will Franck.



Photos by Meaghan Downs

Trulee Gilkison recites a memorized portion of a famous Patrick Henry speech during teacher Lisa Petrey-Kirk's class on Dec. 17.



Hailey Bowman, center, recites a portion of Patrick Henry's famous speech while Levi Wilson, Domnic King and Amy Kate Smith look on.



Addison Stratton performs as Patrick Henry.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

ACE offers

'Adventures in Reading' volunteer training

The Adult Learning Center will offer a new literacy program for those 16 years and older, "Adventures in Reading," and is looking for volunteers to assist with the program.

"Adventures in Reading is a new literacy program established through the Adult Learning Center to improve adults' ability to read, and hopefully, learn to love to

read," according to a press release from ACE. "Adventures in Reading trainees will learn about the often unspoken problem of illiteracy in our community, reasons it exists, and most importantly, what can be done about it.

"Participants will be equipped with strategies specially designed for teaching an adult learner in the areas of vocabulary development, fluency, decoding and comprehension."

The training will be held Tuesdays from Jan.

15 to Feb. 26 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

A light supper will be provided each night of the training.

If interested in joining the Adventures in Reading team, call Jacque Zeller at 839-3754 to register.

Students accept EKU merit-based scholarships

Hundreds of incoming freshmen and transfer students have accepted merit-based scholarships to attend Eastern Kentucky University.

Local recipients include Deanna Baxter, Anderson County High School, Lawrenceburg, Presidential Scholarship; Lauren Welsh, Anderson County High School, Lawrenceburg, Founders Scholarship; and Shelby Taylor, Anderson County High School, Lawrenceburg, Regents Scholarship.

The Founders Award, Regents Scholarship and Presidential Scholarship are for incoming high school freshmen.

— from staff reports



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ANDERSON COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The following students were selected as Students of the Month for November at Anderson County Middle School. Pictured, from left, front row: Nathan Sallee, Evie Cate Kays, Bailey Pederson, Daniel Coffey, Mallory Walker, Lauren Ritchie; back row: McCoy Brown, Ben Curry, Lauren Boblitt, Lucas Frasure and Emily Broyles.



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KSBA Director of Governmental Relations Shannon Stiglitz presents the 2012 Kids First Advocacy Awards to Anderson County school board member James Sargent.

Board of Education member receives advocacy award

From staff reports

Anderson County school board member James Sargent received a Kids First Advocacy Award during the Kentucky School Boards Association Winter Symposium held Dec. 1 in Lexington.

According to a press release, KSBA annually selects a state representative, state senator, a school board member and a superintendent for outstanding work for resources and beneficial laws and regulations for the state's public schools and students. The legislative awards are presented during the session of the General Assembly.

"Sargent has been on the Anderson County board since 2010, but has thrown himself into legislative advocacy for education even before that time," according to the KSBA release.

"While attending Bluegrass Community and Technical College, he was active in a Capitol rally for higher education."

Almost as soon as he was elected to the Anderson County board, he became the district's legislative liaison, working with KSBA's governmental relations staff."

According to paperwork accompanying his nomination, Anderson County Superintendent Sheila Mitchell said, "Twice a year, Sargent helps set up school visits and meetings with their state and local leaders to discuss the education issues in Anderson County. Currently, he is working to set up a meeting with Anderson County's federal delegation. He attends advocacy meetings and is a vocal advocate for public education."

Middle school students to participate in VSA art program

From staff reports

The Anderson County Middle School art program has been conditionally approved to participate in VSA Kentucky's Art Inclusion Program.

VSA Kentucky is a state organization that provides opportunities for people with disabilities through community arts programs. Participation in this program includes a \$1,200 grant, according to the district's news release.

Anderson County Middle School art teacher Angela Champion is collaborating with VSA Kentucky Approved Teaching Artist Alfredo Escobar to plan and incorporate a thematic unit of instruction on muralism for the project.

Escobar will work with students in three of Champion's art classes,

paying particular attention to students with disabilities.

The artist will help students plan and paint three 4x8 foot murals based on a theme of class choice. At the end of the project, students will also have created a timeline of the events of famous Latin American muralist Diego Rivera's life.

Final approval of the grant is conditional upon Artist Alfredo Escobar submitting project documentation to VSA Kentucky in early January.

Once the documentation is received by the organization, Champion and Escobar may begin the project. The deadline for project completion is May 1, 2013.

To learn more about VSA Kentucky visit: <http://www.vsaartsy.org>.

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– amended to attempted trafficking in controlled substance, pleaded guilty, sentenced to 120 days (conditionally discharged two years), \$153, installment/deferred payment Feb. 3; controlled substance prescription not in original container – pleaded guilty, sentenced to 90 days (conditionally discharged two years).

Christopher Givens, preliminary hearing, second-degree burglary – amended to first-degree criminal trespassing, pleaded guilty, sentenced to 180 days (conditionally discharged two years), five days to serve (credit time served), \$178, installment/deferred payment Jan. 31.

Kenneth J. Hammock, pretrial conference, attempted theft by unlawful taking (auto) – continued to Nov. 14, disposition Dec. 6.

John David Morgan, preliminary hearing, second-degree assault – continued to Dec. 6.

Steven R. Pittman, revocation hearing, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, operating on suspended/revoked operator's license – stipulated to violation, 160 days to serve (credit time served).

Jeremy G. Thornton, pretrial conference, violation of Kentucky E.P.O./D.V.O. – continued to Dec. 6.

Shawn D. Tracy, revocation hearing, theft by unlawful taking (shoplifting) – motion denied, defendant to remain on probation, nine days credit.

Linda M. Wilson, pretrial conference, first-degree criminal trespassing – pleaded guilty, sentenced to 60 days (conditionally discharged two years), seven days to serve (credit time served), \$153, installment/deferred payment Jan. 31.

Tommy D. Sparks, court trial, operating a motor vehicle under the influence – amended to first offense, found guilty, sentenced to 30 days to serve, 120 day operator license suspension, \$1028, bench warrant; possession of burglary tools, use/possess drug paraphernalia, controlled substance prescription not in original container – dismissed.

Judge Linda Armstrong heard the following cases during Anderson District Court proceedings on Nov. 15.

Adrian A. Abner, arraignment, giving officer false name or address – pleaded guilty, sentenced to eight days to serve (credit time served).

Justin D. Abner, hearing, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, operating on suspended/revoked operator's license – fines and costs converted to seven days to serve, \$50 balance to remain.

Leslie Michelle Abner, arraignment, public intoxication controlled substance – pleaded not guilty, pretrial conference Nov. 29.

Archie M. Britton, Jr., arraignment, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, driving on DUI suspended license, display/possession of cancelled/fictitious operator's license, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, failure to surrender revoked operator's license – pleaded not guilty, pretrial conference Dec. 13.

Dustin M. Cinnamon, arraignment, public intoxication controlled substance, nine counts of buy/possess drug paraphernalia, first-degree possession of controlled substance (heroin) – pleaded not guilty, preliminary hearing Nov. 29.

Mandy N. Leathers, hearing, two counts of theft by deception (less than \$500) – checks paid, released.

Eric Moore Long, arraignment, third-degree burglary, theft by unlawful taking (building) – pleaded not guilty, preliminary hearing Nov. 29.

Douglas M. Spencer, arraignment, second-degree criminal trespassing – pleaded guilty, sentenced to four days to serve (credit time served), \$153, installment/deferred payment Feb. 21.

Sandra N. Stratton, arraignment, second-degree disorderly conduct – pleaded guilty, sentenced to 30 days (conditionally discharged two years), four days to serve (credit time served), \$153, installment/deferred payment Dec. 13; resisting arrest – pleaded guilty, sentenced to 30 days (conditionally discharged), four days to serve (concurrent).

Timothy R. Sutherland, arraignment, violation of Kentucky E.P.O./D.V.O., convicted felon in possession of a firearm – pleaded not guilty, preliminary hearing Nov. 29.

Brandon S. Bennett, disposition, operating a motor vehicle under the influence – continued to Dec. 13.

Brandon S. Bennett, disposition, public intoxication controlled substance – continued to Dec. 13.

Michael W. Burch, disposition, two counts of fourth-degree assault (minor injury) – failed to appear, bond forfeiture hearing.

Heather Burton, disposition, operating on suspended/revoked operator's license, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – pleaded guilty, \$1243, installment/deferred payment May 16; license to be in possession – merged.

Chester L. Byrd, motion to forfeit

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THOMAS CHOSEN AS PEGASUS QUEEN FINALIST

THE WAY WE WERE

50 YEARS AGO
Dec. 27, 1962

Jack Birdwhistell, of Anderson High School, was the 1962 winner of the Soil Conservation Essay contest. This was the second time Jack had won the county prize. The first time was in 1959 when he was still in grade school.

Ben Stratton, also of Anderson High School, had the second best essay. He received \$5. There were 331 students who participated, compared to 28 the year before.

Winning \$5 for the best essay written in their school were: Carolyn McMurry, Sand Spring; Cynthia Ardery, Lawrenceburg; Beulah Sparrow, Alton; and Peggy Satterly, Western High School.

A tray pack of country-style sausage was 79 cents for two pounds at Model Market. Edwards's wieners (made right in Lawrenceburg) were 49 cents for a pound package.

4-H club news

By Michael Hostetter, reporter

The Alton Happy-Go-Lucky 4-H club president called the meeting to order, the pledge to the 4-H flag as led by Michael Hostetter. Roy Franklin led the pledge to the American flag.

Jolene Goodlett reported on Christmas traditions; Charlotte Cornish, "Christmas Customs;" Peggy Phillips, "We Lie The English Customs;" Paulette Haggard "Christmas in Spain;" Wilma Ritchey "It's a Little Different in Holland;" and Beulah Sparrow, "Christmas in England."

Charlotte Cornish and Sandy Toll concluded the program by singing "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."

By Donna Crain, reporter

Kent Stevens, president, called the Golly Good Luck club meeting at Western School to order.

Girls who received awards for their sewing were: Donna Bryant, Alla Verian Case, Karen Corley, Debbie Wilkerson and Anne Blakeman.

Donna Brown, Judith Nutgrass and Michael Stinnett led Songs.

Members voted to send a letter of thanks to Walter Major and the Lawrenceburg National Bank for the 4-H calendars that were distributed to each club member.

A memorial plaque commemorating the nomination of Dwight D. Eisenhower was placed in the Hall of Presidents at Gettysburg, Pa.

The name of Thomas C. Stratton, Lawrenceburg, Republican National Delegate from this district, was to be inscribed on bronze on the memorial.

The newly organized D.H.I.A. Association had 17 members in Anderson, Mercer and Franklin counties. It was the fourth largest association operating in the state, according to County Agent Ed Ruggles.

Anderson County dairymen, who were members included Bob Etherington, Forest Sea, Paul Rountt, Buddy Hughes, James Stoll, Clifton Hahn, Tom Simpson, H.G. McRay, William Hunter, Norman Barker, W.T. ad Ralph Peach, Harold Horn, Warren Wheaton and Don Popp.

The five highest butter cows in the association in November were: Etherington and Sea, 70 pounds; Ralph Peach, 70 pounds; Norman Barker, 61 pounds; Tom Simpson, 60 pounds, and Clifton Hahn, 58 pounds.



BECOMING A THING OF THE PAST

A good covering of snow graces the yard of this house on Baxter Ridge Road that is the homeplace of resident Don Hurst and his wife, Boneva. A few years ago, the Hursts decided to downsize. Instead of moving to a smaller house, they decided to remodel. They had gotten older and didn't use the upstairs of the house anymore, so they did away with the upstairs to make the house more energy efficient and easier for them to take care of. The photo was submitted by the Hursts.

Deaths

Walker Harrington, 61, Ford Motor employee for 28 years, died en route to the hospital from the Ford plant Dec. 17 following a heart attack. He was a cousin of Edward Sweasy of Lawrenceburg.

Benjamin M. Underhill, formerly of Lawrenceburg, died in Pueblo, Colo.

Walter E. Holt, 66, died in Louisville. He had been retired for two years from the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, where he worked for 15 years. He was married to the former Sallie Puckett.

Mary Robinson Cammack, 83, widow of Henry Cammack died in the Frankfort hospital. She had a son and six daughters.

Arthur M. Springate, 87, retired farmer and painter, died at his home after a long illness. He was married to Addie Rogers Springate and had a son, Stanley.

Dorothy Nicholson Griffieth, 32, died in Los Angeles, Calif., where she had lived for two years. She was the granddaughter of Mrs. Randall Sutherland of Lawrenceburg.

30 YEARS AGO
Dec. 23, 1982

Rex Boblett and Dala Cornish were the winners of the Anderson News "Letters to Santa Contest." Each received at least \$25 worth of toys with the main gift of a football set going Rex and a dollhouse compelte with furniture to Dala.

Mr. and Mrs. James Arthur Cooper celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. James Arthur Cooper and Sara Alice Perry were married on Dec. 24, 1932.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. "Bud" Hughes celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

Karen Williams graduated from the College of Cosmetology and Hair Design in Frankfort. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Waterfill.

The combined bands and chorus at Western held their annual Christmas concert.

Kim Pinkston sold the most fruit for the Western Anderson band to win an Atari game.

Kelly Hayes was the second place winner. She received a cassette player.

Winners of T-shirts were: Kim

Pinkston, Kelly Hayes, Joe Bill Darnell, Toby Curtsinger, Wayne Miller, Lisa Champion, Sandy Peach, Tammy Hahn and Leslee Maddox.

Two \$25 gift certificates from IGA and Pic Pac were given away by a drawing. Winners were Teresa Curtsinger and Elsie Martin.

Soloists from the chorus were Danette Darnell on 'Away in a Manger' and Scarlet Mitchell on 'I'm Getting Nothing for Christmas.' Angie Boblitt filmed the concert for a later showing.

Deaths

J.T. Cornish, 61, a laborer and member of Antioch Christian Church, died at the VA hospital.

Mary Willoughby Burton Gillespie, 83, Georgetown, died at the home of her daughter. She was avid sports fan, especially UK. She has two daughters, Mrs. Bradford Cammack of Mt. Sterling and Frances Conner, of Lawrenceburg.

Dec. 30, 1982

Lala Michele Thomas, a senior at Kentucky State University, was chosen as a finalist for the Kentucky Derby Festival Pegasus Queen.

She was chosen from a field of 24 outstanding young Kentucky women by a panel of out-of-state judges. The selection of the Pegasus queen was to be made at the Fillies Derby Ball in April by the spin of a wheel.

Bill Gabhart of Fox Creek retired from the State High Department after 36 years of service.

Working as "time keeper" for the State Highway Department had been a life-long occupation for the 1940 Western High graduate.

Deaths

Collis Brown, 52, Anderson County road foreman, died after suffering kidney failure earlier in the month. He was hired as supervisor after he had served 25 years with the State Highway Dept., including several years as foreman.

Kevin Lee Drury, 18, Paris, died Dec. 9 from injuries sustained in an auto accident. He is a son of Gerald Drury of Anderson County.

Virginia Wells, 56, daughter of the late Lewis and Mamie Brown, died Dec. 24. She was the wife of

the late Marshall E. Wells.

15 YEARS AGO
Dec. 24, 1997

Four students at Anderson High School were chosen 'Students of the Month' — Mary Ellen Woodruff, senior; James Rodgers, junior; and Stephanie Hood, sophomore; and Savannah Isaacs.

Jason Witten of Lawrenceburg graduated from Kentucky State University with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice.

He received a full Presidential Scholarship and the Outstanding Sophomore in Criminal Justice Awarded. He is a son of Homer and Wilma Witten.

Anderson County's oldest young man, Claude Perry, was pictured helping a woman less than half his age celebrate her birthday. Perry would be 102 in January and Phyllis Crane, a bus driver for bluegrass Community Action, just marked her 50th birthday.

Deaths

Ethel Rose Hawkins Adams, 89, an Anderson County native, died in Louisville. She was the widow of Leon Adams.

Ancil Lee Lewis, 75, Willisburg, died at his residence after a long illness. He was a retired farmer.

Robert A. Paasch, 71, Lawrenceburg High School graduate, died in Washington State.

Dec. 31, 1997

Officer Mike Schell had the most DUI arrests in the Lawrenceburg Police Dept. for the past year.

Thomas Shelton retired after 40 years at Kentucky Overall.

Emily Page Baker earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Kentucky University. She graduated summa cum laude, majoring in public relations with a minor in business administration. Baker is a daughter of Darrell and Jean Baker.

Deaths

Davis Kays, 80, native of Anderson County, died in a Louisville hospital. He was a son of the late Landy and Adelaide Peyton Kays Sr.

Adrian Johnnie Charles Peach, 6-month-old son of Craig and Martha Robinson Peach, died at the Frankfort hospital.



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Glenn Rose Vaughn Tucker and Danny Tucker

Glenn Rose (Vaughn) Tucker and Danny Tucker of Lawrenceburg will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 26.

The couple was married on Dec. 26, 1962, in Jellico, Tenn.

Glenn Rose is the daughter of the late Dallas and the late Anna Vaughn.

Danny is the son of the late James Oscar and the

late Katherine Tucker.

Glenn Rose is retired. Danny is currently employed by Kentucky Stone in Lawrenceburg.

The couple has two children, their son the late Danny Tucker, Jr., and a daughter Cheryl Tucker Yunt. They have a son-in-law, David Yunt.

The Tuckers have two grandchildren, Caitlyn Yunt and Tanner Yunt.



Photo by Meaghan Downs

Pictured, from left, are library board trustees Jane Bentley Scott, Bryan Proctor and Amy Kennedy with the library license plates.

License plates show off support for Kentucky libraries

From staff reports

A new Kentucky license plate gives drivers the opportunity to show their support for libraries, according to a press release from Anderson Public Library.

"The plate, inscribed with the words 'Support Kentucky's Libraries,' is available at any county clerk's office with a \$44 application fee," according to the library's press release. "The annual fee on the plate thereafter is \$31. At the time of issuance, an optional \$10 can be

donated to fund library science scholarships. Those who signed the initial petition to create the license plate and paid the \$25 application fee will receive a \$25 credit when the plate is purchased."

The Kentucky Library Association (KLA) worked with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to make the license plate available. Citizens from across the Commonwealth signed the application petition, which requires a minimum of 900 signatures to create a new plate.

"In this difficult economic

climate, public libraries fill a critical need in the community," said KLA Library Awareness Chair and Logan County Public Library director Linda Kompanik in a press release. According to the release, Kompanik spearheaded the effort to bring such a license plate to Kentucky.

"For years, we've had library users who expressed interest in a way to show their support for libraries of all kinds - public, academic and special libraries. This new license plate is a great way to do just that."

Anderson County Recovery announces upcoming class schedule

From staff reports

Anderson County Recovery, a Life-line Kentucky Connection chapter that offers faith-based classes, support groups and counseling, recently released its class schedule for January and February.

Anderson County Recovery is located at Open Hands food pantry at 1111 Industry Drive in Lawrenceburg. For more information, contact 502-873-6514 or 502-839-1695.

Youth Insight Group:

When: Monday nights
Where: Open Hands
Cost: Continuous, no cost

Insight Group -9 weeks
When: Thursday nights starting Jan. 3
Where: Open Hands food pantry
Cost: \$20

Anger – (men only) 9 weeks
When: Monday nights at 7 p.m. starting Feb. 4
Where: Open Hands food pantry

Total Cost \$20.00

Stepping into Freedom (women only) -13 weeks
When: Monday nights at 7 p.m. starting Feb. 4
Where: Open Hands food pantry
Cost: \$20

Depression—9 weeks
When: Thursday nights at 7 p.m. starting Jan. 3
Where: Open Hands food pantry
Cost: \$20

Grief and Loss—9 weeks

When: Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. starting Jan. 5
Where: Open Hands food pantry
Cost: \$20

SIF Recovery Class (faith-based AA/NA class)

When: Thursday mornings at 11 a.m.
Where: Open Hands food pantry
Cost: Continuous, no cost

SANTA LETTER

Dear Santa,

Hi my name is Ryleigh. I am 3 years old; I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas I would like anything Dora, babies, learning toys, make-up, Barbies, just girly stuff. I also would like safe travels for all the people that will be



Ryleigh

going to see their families for the holiday and for all the unfortunate families to have an amazing Christmas and get everything they need. Have a safe trip delivering the presents. See you soon!

Happy Holidays to my family and friends.

Love,
Ryleigh Dennis

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Community

Compassionate Friends announce upcoming meetings

The Compassionate Friends will host meetings for bereavement parents who have lost children of any age.

Meetings are held on the first Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and the third Monday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the hospice building, 643 Teton Trail in Frankfort.

For more information, contact Kathy Wainscott at 502-517-6289.

Library to offer December computer classes

From staff reports

The Anderson Public Library will offer free computer classes in December, with all classes open to the public. Class space is limited to five students, and students will use the library's laptops.

All classes are subject to cancellation.

For more information or to sign up, contact Athena Gentry at 839-6420.

Introduction to Microsoft Word Level II

When: Dec. 27

Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Learn more advanced word processing skills including bulleted and numbered lists, cut/copy/paste functions, and printing envelopes and labels.

Prerequisite: Word Level 1 class or experience creating simple documents using Word 2007 or 2010. Pre-registration is required.

Education

The Adult Learning Center will be closed Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

Special class hours will be available on Dec. 26, Dec. 27 and Dec. 28 and Jan. 2 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Adult Learning Center, located at 219 E. Woodford St., is open from 8 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Thursday. Adult education offers classes in GED/College-prep instruction, educational assessment and learning

workplace skills. The Bluegrass Community and Technical College offers adult education services Monday through Friday from noon until 4 p.m. Community education offers lifelong learning classes, humanities programs, Community of Promise involvement and opportunities to volunteer in the schools and throughout the community. For information call the office at 502-839-3754.

Public meetings

Dec. 26: road test registration with examiner, 8:30 a.m.; all written tests, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Senior Center

Dec. 26
10:30 a.m., Blood pressure check
10:30 a.m., Price is Right
11:15 a.m., Lunch
12:30-3 p.m., Rook/cards
12:30 p.m., Bingo

Dec. 27
8:30 a.m., Breakfast Club
9 a.m., Exercise
9 a.m.-3 p.m., Shopping and errands

Dec. 28
10:30 a.m., New Year's bash with Ed and Judy
11:30 a.m., Lunch
12:30-3 p.m., Rook/cards
12:30 p.m., Bingo

Closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 for New Year's

Jan. 2
10:30 a.m., Blood pressure check
10:30 a.m., Put up Christmas decorations
11:30 a.m., Lunch
12:30-3 p.m., Rook/cards
12:30 p.m., Kroger shopping days

Upcoming events

A New Year's Eve bash with Ed and Judy will be held Dec. 28 at 10:30 a.m.

Anderson County's STUDENTS of the WEEK



SAVANNAH SMITH

Grade & School: Second grade, Emma B. Ward Elementary School
Favorite Subject: Math
Favorite Music Genre: Country music
Last Book I Read: 'Little Bear'
Last Movie I Saw: 'Polar Express'
Person in History I'd Most Like to Meet: Taylor Swift
Future Plans: I want to be a zoo keeper.
Teacher's Comments: Savannah always has a smile on her face. She works extremely hard and strives to do her best every day. We would like to recognize Savannah for serving as a model for our Guidelines for Success: Be Honest, Be a Hardworker, Believe in Yourself, Be Focused on the Goal.



ISAAC BROWN

Grade & School: Kindergarten, Christian Academy of Lawrenceburg
Favorite Subject: Phonics
Favorite Musical Artist: Toby Mac
Last Book I Read: 'Pippin in the South Seas' by Astrid Lingren
Last Movie I Saw: 'A Charlie Brown Christmas'
Person in History I'd Most Like to Meet: George Washington
Future Plans: Become an astronaut
Principal's Comments: Isaac is one of the most articulate and intelligent kindergarten students anyone would ever meet. His inquisitive mind is always working, and his eyes reflect an eagerness to learn. He amazes others with knowledge of a variety of subjects, and he is constantly focused on his growth as a student. Isaac's parents have provided ways to challenge his growth to keep his enthusiasm for learning at a high level. It is a pleasure to have Isaac as a student at the Christian Academy.

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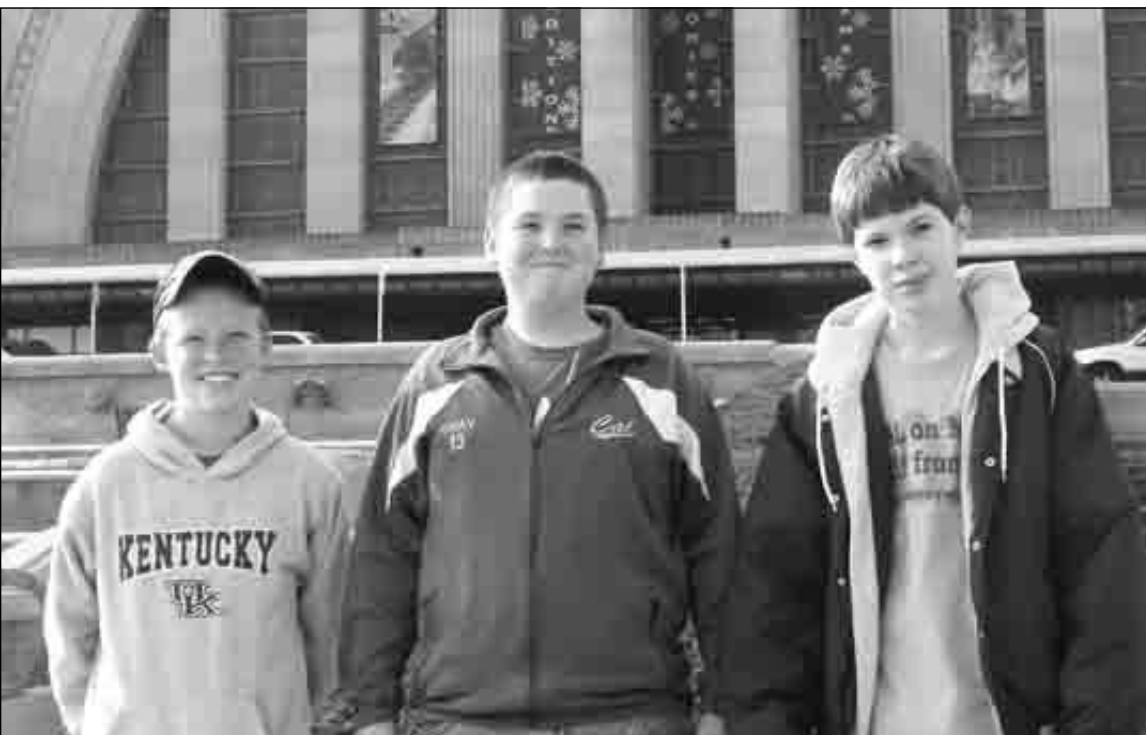
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ACADEMY STUDENTS, STAFF VISIT THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS

At left: Pictured, from left, are Logan Scott, Ethan Gray and Tyler Parr outside the Cincinnati Museum of History on a Christian Academy field trip to see the Dead Sea Scrolls. The field trip involved 101 CAL students and family members who had the unique opportunity to see the scrolls which are on currently display, according to a press release from the Academy. At right: Pictured, from left, are Lexi McNally and Abby Perry.

First world problems pale compared to real strife

Today I'm suffering First World Problems. To name a few:

I noticed too late that the gray of my shirt does not match the gray of my pants.

Also? I left the house without wearing any bracelets, so not only am I color uncoordinated, but I have naked wrists.

Those are First World Problems, a meme (idea that spreads through the culture) that's spreading across the Internet, spawning some really funny stuff.

One site posts some of the best ones, all accompanied by photos of very sad, pathetic-looking people sobbing because the pizza box doesn't fit in the fridge or the restaurant didn't have Dr. Pepper so the person had to drink Pepsi.

First World Problems (FWP).

In other words, the triviality that spoiled, self-centered, generally middle-class white Americans overly concern ourselves with



Nancy Kennedy
Columnist

— the DVR shut off before the re-run of Law and Order from 1998 ended and I didn't get to find out the verdict and who know when it'll be on again.

How tragic is my life?!

Um, not at all.

Except earlier this week my daughter moved to Hawaii, 4,700 miles away from me, and even though for the past three years she lived in Virginia 800 miles away, we were at least still in the same time zone on the same continent.

It's a First World Problem, but I'm sad. The FWP meme on the Internet is a clever, snarky commentary on our culture, about how, compared to probably 90 percent of the world's population we have nothing to complain about. We are rich and have more than enough of everything.

I'm all for putting life's trivialities into perspective, and I do love the opportunity to point out to others when they're making too much of insignificant, inconsequential things.

However, as Christianity Today blogger Caryn Rivadeneira

recently wrote in a post about her own First World Problems, while the meme is useful for putting our small, petty problems in perspective against the world's real problems like poverty, hunger, homelessness, slavery and devastation from man-made and natural disasters — and we should — it also puts a guilt trip on people who are nevertheless hurting.

Small problems or tiny heartaches still hurt. They're still ours, and God still cares about them because he cares about us.

Jesus told his followers that if God cares about insignificant sparrows (which he does), he will surely care about you and me (Luke 12:6-8, my paraphrase).

Because we matter to God, what matters to us matters to him, even the smallest matters. Yes, the world is terribly broken and sad and people are suffering horribly, and I'm sad that my daughter moved away — and thankful that God cares about it all.

Nancy Kennedy is a syndicated church columnist.

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EVERY PLANT

Jesus said, *“Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.”* (Matt. 15:13).

Just what does this mean and how does it affect our spiritual life?

Any religious body that cannot be identified by the Word of God is an organization that is without divine authority. Everyone should know that we can only act by the authority of Christ in the realm of religion (Col. 3:17). If we are a part of an organization that was started by man then we are a plant that will be rooted up. See also Matt. 7:21-29; Matt. 15:7-9.

There are marks of identification that can prove that we are the church of the New Testament. All that we have to do to find those marks is to have beliefs, doctrines and practices that are found in the Bible. The church does not belong to the us, the people of God are the church (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18; Acts 2:47).

We should not run around stating, *“We can belong to the church of our choice, and after all we are all wanting to go to the same place.”* While it is true that we want to go to heaven, it is not true that we can go our separate ways. In Matt. 7:13-14 it shows that the way to God will only be found by a few, not by the masses. Are YOU going to be one of the ones rooted out?

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CHURCH SERVICES DIRECTORY

Worship At The Church Of Your Choice This Week

Baptist ALTON 1321 Bypass North Rick Shannon, Pastor 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Evening Activities 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Activities BALLARD Ballard Road Jerry Dedman 10 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Worship Service CENTRAL U. S. 127/ Franklin County Line Rick Clark 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Worship THE EVERGREEN Paris L. Smith Sr., Pastor 508 Lincoln Street 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Sunday Worship 7 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m. Wed. Adult Bible Study FARMDALE Steve Weaver, Pastor 5610 US 127 South/ Franklin County line 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. Children's Church 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Praise Factory (for children ages 5-11) FELLOWSHIP Hammonds Creek Road Tim Johnson, Pastor 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Evening Worship 7 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study FIRST 111 North Main Street Dr. Robert F. Ehr, Pastor 8:30 a.m. & 10:50 a.m. Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 5 p.m. Youth 5 p.m. Awana 6 p.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday Children & Youth Missions Group 6:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service www.lawrenceburgfbc.org FREEDOM Chris Parrish, Pastor 1010 Powell Taylor Rd. 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Morning Worship 5 p.m. Discipleship Training 6 p.m. Evening Services 6 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting FRIENDSHIP & UNITY Highway 62, Bardstown Road George A. Jones, Pastor 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Worship 7 p.m. Wednesday GLENSBORO Village of Glensboro, Highway 44, Glenn Corn, Minister 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Worship www.glemborobaptist.com	GOSHEN 1544 Hickory Grove Rd. Fred Knickerbocker, Pastor 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Sun. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Wed. Bible Study HEBRON 340 Main St., Salvisa George Dye, Pastor 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Evening Service 7 p.m. Wednesday HOPE COMMUNITY 5930 U.S. 127 South, Frankfort Jeff Eaton, Lead Pastor 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship hopecommunitychurch.net LAWRENCEBURG COMMUNITY Saffell Street Stephen C. Broughton, Pastor 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 5:15 p.m. Training Union 6 p.m. Worship MOUNT PLEASANT Highway 53, Willisburg Road Rev. Bobby Chesser 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Worship MOUNT VERNON Highway 395 — Anderson & Shelby County Line Todd Woodward, Pastor 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship PIGEON FORK 5090 Hickory Ridge Road Rev. Grant O'Dell, Minister 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 7 p.m. Evening Worship 7 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting & Service PLEASANT GROVE Hwy. 1579, Pleasant Grove Rdg. Randy Peyton, Pastor 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 5 p.m. Bible Study SALT RIVER INDEPENDENT Salt River Road Carl Bush, Pastor 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Sunday Service 6 p.m. Sunday Service 6 p.m. Thursday Bible Study SAND SPRING 1616 Harrodsburg Road Mike Hamrick, Pastor 10 a.m. Sunday School 8:45 & 11 a.m. Worship 6 p.m. Discipleship Training 7 p.m. Worship 5:45 - 7:45 AWANA for Children 7 p.m. Wednesday SOVEREIGN GRACE 218 West Park Center Tracey Royalty, Preaching Elder Chris Williams, Preaching Elder 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship http://sovchurch.org/ TYRONE Village of Tyrone Mark Webb, Pastor 10 a.m. Worship Service	VAN BUREN Fairmont Road Lee Smith, Pastor 10 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship www.vanburenbaptist.com Catholic ST. LAWRENCE 120 Gatewood Avenue Rev. Christopher Catesby Clay Saturday: Mass 5:30 p.m. Sunday: Mass 9:30 a.m. Religious Formation class at 11:00 a.m. Tues., Wed., Thurs., & Fri. 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An odd Christmas wish from a sports nut

I really didn't expect to get what I really want under the Christmas tree. I mean, is it really too much to ask to have a winning lottery ticket?

I would even take a visit from whoever it is that has followed Ed McMahon. You know, Publisher's Clearing House. I'm not greedy. I don't need 500 mil or anything like that. Only a 10 or 12 followed by six zeroes would suffice.

But since that has about as much chance of happening as the Mayans being right, I guess I will have to go with my second choice: I really, really want to see people around scholastic sports - athletes, coaches, fans, parents, you name it - as interested in someone's academic progress as with one's ability to run 40 yards faster than the next guy or being 6-foot-10 with the ability to hit jump shots around 20 feet out.

OK, we will agree that the probability of that happening is roughly the same as the Mayans being right again, but that doesn't mean we can't hope.

As for the Apocalypse that was supposed to happen last Friday, I couldn't really report on that in this week's paper. Early Christmas deadlines meant this column went to press before the end of the world was to have happened. If it didn't happen, see, we told you.

If it did happen, well, you wouldn't be reading this anyway. But I digress. Back to what I really wanted for Christmas.

I admit that when I started writing for The Anderson News back in 1985, I could tell you who had the best chance of landing the best high school basketball player in Kentucky on their way to a national championship. He was a junior at Owensboro Apollo named Rex Chapman - you might have heard of him - and everyone knew he was going to end up at Louisville or Kentucky.

A few years later, we knew Jerry Claiborne had pulled the coup by signing perhaps the best football player in the state's history to that time, a running back named Al Baker, of Trigg County. Some of us (blush) were already deciding which Sugar Bowl we would attend with Kentucky.

And now, as we get ready to enter 2013? The interest in recruiting is off the charts. The reporting on the Chapman and Baker cases would be small potatoes when stacked against what we see today.

Today, people make their living writing about recruiting. Obviously there is a market for that or there would be no jobs. But what does that say about us? Are our priorities mixed up?

Let me interject that at the major college level - or any level, for that matter - the name of the game is recruiting. Over time, I have also learned the most successful coaches usually have the better players, so, yep, it is a big thing.

But let's look at the reality of the playing a sport, any sport, at the highest level. Simply put, it rarely happens. The world is full of guys who were great 6-4 power forwards in high school. That won't cut it in the SEC or Big 10-11-12 or whatever number of the day it is. The world is full of 1,000-yard high school rushers who ran 40 yards in 4.7 seconds. That's too slow for the big time.

While it is great to dream of athletics being the vehicle to a better life, we need to remember the odds are it won't happen. For that matter, the rarity is what makes it so special when it does happen. I hear stories of kids playing a sport eight days a week, 53 weeks a year and wonder if those around the kids put that much emphasis on school work?

I see people excited that a kid has signed to play a sport at a college, but the reality is the average athletic scholarship pays relatively little compared to the academic schollos. You can check it out.

So my Christmas wish? That the people involved are as interested in an athlete's academic progress as much as his quickness. It will sure help more in life.

Comment at www.theandersonnews.com.



John Herndon
Sports Editor

Bearcats look to defend tourney title

Louisville team, small school power are threats

By John Herndon
Sports Editor

A year ago, it became apparent that Anderson County had a good boys' basketball team during the Bracken County Holiday Tournament.

The Bearcats return to defend their title and, perhaps, look to find a some answers in some holes that have opened during the first few weeks of the current season.

Last year, few knew how good Anderson really was in a season that eventually ended at 21-9. The Bearcats went to Bracken undefeated, then rolled into the tournament finals where they outlasted a good North Laurel team in the finals. That put the Bearcats at 11-0, the best start ever for an Anderson team.

"The tournament field is a little stronger this year," says Anderson coach Glen Drury, whose team stood at 3-1 before the Christmas holiday break.

The Bearcats open with Beechwood (1-4) on Wednes-

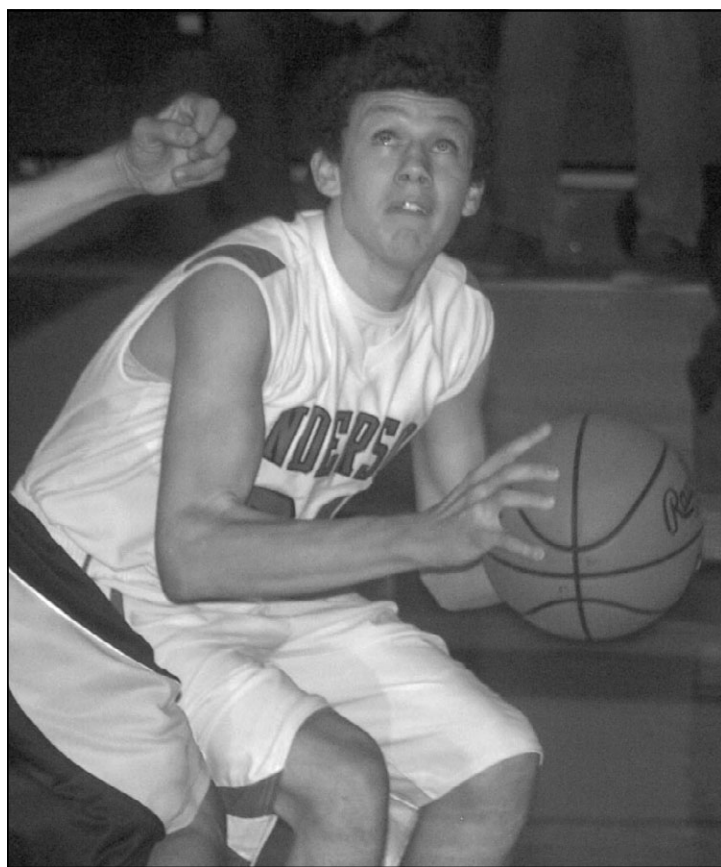


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Christian Estes looks for an opening around the basket against Shelby County on Dec. 11.

day, Dec. 26 at 4:45 p.m. and will be heavily favored over winless Deming in the second game on Thursday.

Beechwood, however, lost by just seven to traditional

power Mason County which could raise some eyebrows.

In the final pool play game, the Bearcats will be favored against a nice Bracken County team

Girls to be tested in Capital City Showdown

By John Herndon
Sports Editor

The Anderson County girls' basketball team did not schedule a long trip during the holidays this year.

It looks like the Lady Bearcats will be tested just fine in their own back yard.

Over the weekend, Anderson was to have played in the Republic Bank Classic at Lexington Catholic, where the Lady Bearcats could have met three top 10 teams in two days.

On Thursday, Dec. 27, they will open play in the Capital City Showdown at Franklin County. While Anderson will be one of the tournament favorites, the Lady Bearcats will have to earn everything in the 12-team, pool-play event.

Thursday, Anderson opens with Bishop Brossart, one of the better teams in the 10th Region. Brossart was ranked third in the region in The Cats' Pause pre-season yearbook and had gotten off to a 7-2 start through games of Dec. 18. The Mustangs returned everyone from last year's 25-8 team and boast 6-foot-1 junior Sarah Futscher, one of the top players in the 10th Region. The teams tip off at 12:30 p.m.

Anderson returns to action later that day at 5:15 p.m., playing Bardstown Bethlehem, which had opened the season at 3-3 through last Tuesday.

Seeded games will take place on Friday and Saturday, with the final set for 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 29. Other top teams in the tournament include long-time power Elizabethtown (6-1) and one of Anderson's threats to an Eighth Region title, Owen County, which was 8-1 through last Tuesday.



Photo by John Herndon

Anderson County freshman Kaci Currens shoots with her off hand over Dunbar's Brooke Todd two weeks ago.

Anderson stood at 7-0.

A pair of out-of-state teams add some mystery to the tournament. William Blount, of Maryville, Tenn., and Richmond, Ind. are in the field. William Blount was 6-7 as of last Wednesday, according to CoachT.com, but had played several ranked teams from Tennessee very close.

Richmond opened the season at

4-1, but little else is known about the team.

Anderson got some major recognition last week when the Massey Ratings, published online by USA Today, ranked the Lady Bearcats No. 2 in Kentucky, only behind Marion County.

Comment at www.theandersonnews.com.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Holiday sports coverage to be online

Several Anderson County High School athletic teams were scheduled to have been in special holiday events before Christmas, but special holiday deadlines prevented the results from being printed in this edition of The Anderson News.

The Anderson County girls' basketball team was to have played in the prestigious Republic Bank Classic at Lexington Catholic High School, where the Lady Bearcats could have played as many as three Top 10 teams. Results from that tournament should be posted online at www.theandersonnews.com.

The Bearcat boys team was to have played in the Adair County Holiday Classic with those results scheduled to have been posted online after print deadlines.

The Anderson wrestlers were to have competed at Lafayette on Saturday, another match occurring after the

deadline.

Recaps of all three teams' efforts in the days just before Christmas are scheduled to appear in the Jan. 2 edition.

All games and matches happening after noon, Thursday, Dec. 27, will be reported in the Jan. 9 edition of The Anderson News, but will be available on our website at www.theandersonnews.com as soon as possible.

Holiday sports news deadlines announced

The Anderson News will be observing special deadlines for sports news for the New Year's holiday season.

Submitted copy and photos for the Jan. 2 edition must be turned in to The News by 8 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 27. Anything submitted after that time will appear in the Jan. 9 edition.

Late weekend scores and results will be printed in Jan. 9 edition of the paper, but will be available at www.theandersonnews.com as soon as possible.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

Anderson County High School

Boys' basketball
Bracken County Holiday Classic
Wednesday, Dec. 26: Anderson Co. vs. Beechwood, 4:45 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 27: Anderson Co. vs. Deming, 3 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 28: Anderson Co. at Bracken Co., 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 29: Pairings and times to be determined, Championship game at 8:15 p.m.

Girls' basketball
Capital City Showdown at Franklin Co. High School
Thursday, Dec. 27: Anderson Co. vs. Bishop Brossart, 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 27: Anderson Co. vs. Bardstown Bethlehem, 5:15 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 28: Pairings and times to be determined.
Saturday, Dec. 29: Pairings and times to be determined, championship game at 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 2: Anderson Co. at Henry Clay, 7:45 p.m.

Wrestling
Friday, Dec. 28: Anderson Co. in

Woodford Co. Invitational, TBA.
Saturday, Dec. 29: Anderson Co. in Woodford Co. Invitational, TBA.

Anderson County Middle School

Boys' basketball
Thursday, Dec. 27: Anderson Co. in Elkhorn Tournament, TBA.
Friday, Dec. 28: Anderson Co. in Elkhorn Tournament, TBA.
Saturday, Dec. 29: Anderson Co. in Elkhorn Tournament, TBA.

Christian Academy of Lawrenceburg

Boys' basketball
Thursday, Dec. 27: Tournament at Ky. Basketball Academy, Lexington, TBA.
Friday, Dec. 28: Tournament at Ky. Basketball Academy, Lexington, TBA.
Saturday, Dec. 29: Tournament at Ky. Basketball Academy, Lexington, TBA.

All times subject to change without notice.



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DEER AND ELK SUCCESS

Caleb Hatton harvested this nice buck, left, while hunting with his dad, Tony Hatton, in Woodford County in November. He took his first elk with his pistol while hunting with his dad in Knott County on Dec. 15.

Second amendment rights important for protection

By Jeff Lilly
Outdoors columnist

I want to start my final column of the year 2012 with a quote many have heard before and John Herndon actually used in his column a few weeks back: "Guns don't kill people, people kill people." I could not agree more and will leave it at that.

There are, and will continue to be, enough gun control debates going on everywhere so most probably don't want to read it here. However, I will continue to protect my family to the best of my ability with whatever means is necessary. It just so happens that carrying a weapon, if I so choose, and I do, is what the Second Amendment is all about.

I continue to hope and pray that politicians and their anti-gun followers are not allowed to take an eraser to the words

of our Constitution and eliminate phrases in order to make it best suit their agenda.

The Connecticut school incident is truly a heart-wrenching tragedy without a doubt. However, this could have possibly been far less tragic had the principal and or staff members at Sandy Hook School been trained and had the means to address and alleviate the threat with weapons of their own. Unfortunately, text messages and or phone calls to the local police and 911 will not dispatch an immediate threat to life by people who are intent to do harm to other people.

In the world we live in today, the reality is that sometimes force must be met with force. I choose to be prepared if and when that time comes and will continue to support our Second Amendment rights. My prayers continue going up for

those families having to endure the tragedy caused by one misguided individual.

State deer harvest record

Bluegrass state deer hunters appear to have broken a harvest record that had stood since 2004.

That year saw white-tail harvest numbers totaling 124,752 with Anderson County accounting for 1,870 of that number.

As of a week before Christmas, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife telecheck totals are pushing toward 127,000 with nearly a month remaining in the archery season. Anderson County is closing in on the 2,000 deer harvest mark for 2012 and might very well get to that number with more bow kills. Franklin County and several other surrounding counties are also crowding the 2,000 deer harvest mark for

2012.

The Lilly Camp in Kentucky tallied several nice bucks for the 2012 season. We also were able to add four additional bucks at the Lilly Camp in West Virginia on Thanksgiving week so the freezers are full for winter.

The mild winter is ideal to get in a few extra trips to the stand for some late-season archery and crossbow hunting. The archery season in Zone 1, 2 and 3 counties is open until Jan. 21. Crossbow season in those same three zones is open until Dec. 31.

Kentucky harvest photos

I do enjoy seeing the smiling faces of young hunters and their wildlife harvests. Tashawn Robison is one of several youth in Anderson County to be able to enjoy our God-given freedoms and has had a great deer season.

Tashawn, 12, was able

to harvest his first buck this season while hunting with his granddaddy Sam Alves.

Tashawn also has a couple of does already in the freezer and took his second doe this year while hunting with his great-granddaddy Ron Hawkins on his farm.

Kentucky bear harvest

I did not get to head to eastern Kentucky this season for bear season after spending a cold two days last year in Harlan County.

Looks like I may have missed a good one, according to the numbers coming from the Department of Fish and Wildlife. According to telecheck numbers and information there were 11 bears harvested during what was scheduled to be a three-day season Dec. 8-10. Due to the quota being met on Sunday the season was ended so no hunting was allowed on Monday.

The 11 bears harvested are the most since the modern season has been re-established in eastern Kentucky. Bell County joined Harlan, Letcher and Pike for this year's open hunting areas. Harlan and Letcher County produced the bears this year with six harvested in Harlan and five harvested in Letcher.

A new Kentucky record bruin was harvested in Letcher County during this year's season. The big male bear field dressed 410 pounds (450 pounds live weight) and surpassed the previous record of 350 pounds.

Quick shots

*I pray all of you readers had a Merry Christmas and wish all of you a Happy New Year.

*Take a kid hunting and fishing soon. See ya outside.

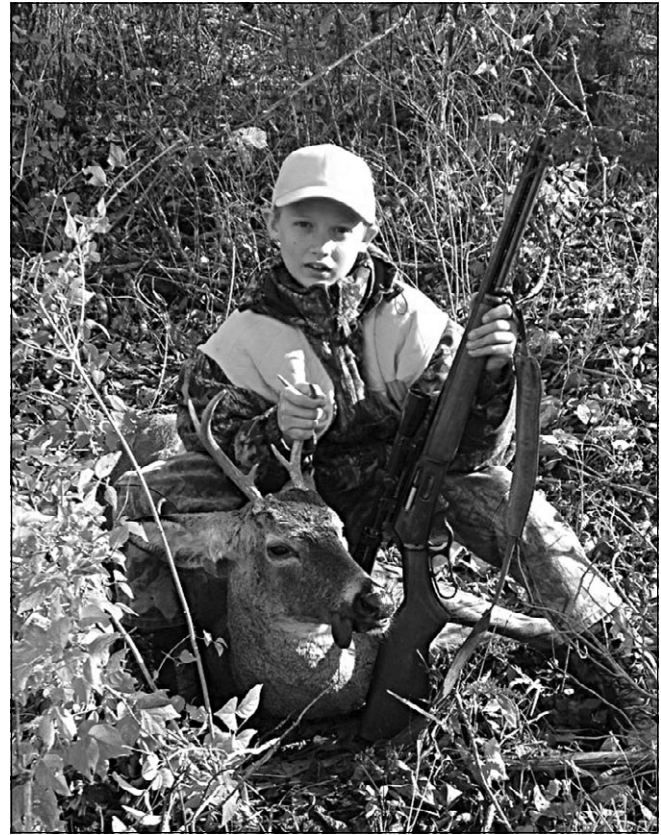
Jeff Lilly is an outdoor columnist for The Anderson News.



Darrell Lilly harvested this 8-point buck on the family farm in Franklin County.



Hunter Lilly harvested this 13-point buck on the family farm in Franklin County.



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Tashawn Robison, 12, took his first buck in November while hunting with his grandfather.

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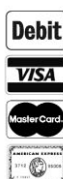
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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recently recorded at the Anderson County Courthouse.

Janet Theresa Boscheinen Litteral to Jessie Ward Jr., real estate on Woodford St., \$35,000.

EG Properties Inc. to Timothy J. Shryock, real estate on Hwy. 35, \$52,000.

Brian and Katina Calvert, Donald A. Calvert to Brian and Katina Calvert, real estate in Anderson County, reconveyance.

Daniel and Mary P. Knoechelman to Michael and Linda Miller, real estate on US 62, gift.

George Weinstein to Weinstein Family Irrevocable Trust, real estate on Indian Trail, quit claim.

James D. and Cheryl L. Funk to Ashley E. and Michael Johnson, real estate on Griffin Dr., \$178,000.

Maria Rose Reynolds to Jeremy Lee Reynolds, real estate on Runningbrook Dr., reconveyance.

Raymond and Barbara B. Edelman, to George K. and Jamie I. Stratton, real estate in Anderson County, \$3,000.

Shaker Hill Properties LLC to EG Properties Inc. real estate in Lawrenceburg Crossing, \$1.

EG Properties Inc. to Richard M. and Kimberly D. Smith, real estate on McCormick Lane, \$35,000.

Balsa NCM LLC to Beechtree NCM LLC real estate in East Gate Subdivision, \$1.

Beechtree NCM LLC to Mt. Melrose LLC, real estate on Bluebird Court, reconveyance.

Marcella Cox to Christopher Turner, real estate on Wildcat Rd., \$141,500.

Estate of Jerel Goodlett, Kristian Washabaugh and Kevin Rice, to Elizabeth Goodlett, Jolene and Tommy Greenwell, real estate in Anderson County, reconveyance.

Emma Lee Harp to Kayla Quinn, real estate on Twelve Oaks Dr., \$126,000.

Terry W. Floyd to Ronald G. and Shelby Jean Allgood, real estate on Beaver Lake Rd., gift.

Glenn and Patsy Burgin, to Kathryn A. Emme, real estate on Denney Dr., \$159,900.

Jay and Cathy R. Crawford to Maria Cathy and Jay Crawford, real estate on Rice Rd., quit claim.

Estate of Georgia Kincannon to David A. and Tammi Jenkins, real estate on Sunset Dr., \$94,400.

Deborah and Ricky Gash to Larry M. and Deborah K. Turner, real estate on Scenic Garden, \$318,000.

Jana L. Hudnall to Robert Jason and Nancy Lane Hudnall, real estate in Westwood Estates Subdivision, gift.

Mainsource Bank to Brian and

Stephanie Sims, real estate in Anderson County, \$191,500.

R. Wayne and Susan King to Sharon R. and Kenny L. Trent, real estate on Hawthorne Rd., \$158,000.

Ownit Mortgage Loan Trust to Mt. Melrose LLC, real estate on Fairview St., \$24,699.

Federal National Mortgage Assoc. to John Walker and Laura Walker, real estate on Copperfield Dr., \$103,500.

Wilbert Leon Greer Jr. and Dot-tie Greer to James R. and Dee A. Oliver, real estate in Anderson County, \$80,000.

Evergreen Baptist Church Inc. to Herman and Rita Harvey, real estate in Courtland Subdivision, \$50,000.

Evergreen Baptist Church Inc. to Herman and Rita Harvey, real estate on Court St., \$15,697.94

Stephen E. and Kristin Kietzerow to Hay Iv and Kim Lim real esate in Thoroughbred Estates, \$113,000.

Century Bank of Kentucky Inc. to Dustin R. Goodlett and Stephen M. and Elizabeth Goodlett, real estate on Nevins Station Rd., \$9,500.

Eudenia C. and Ernest B. Wil-lard, Louise C. Casey Revocable Living Trust to Tasha and Michael Harrod, real estate on Hwy. 512, \$140,000.

Kyle and Emily Thacker to Eddie Hanks, real estate on Wildcat Rd., \$29,500.

LEGAL NOTICES

LIHEAP CRISIS COMPONENT WILL BEGIN ON JANUARY 7, 2013

Your Blue Grass Community Action Partnership will begin operating the "Crisis" portion of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) on January 7, 2013. The program is operated on a first come first serve basis until Federal funds are exhausted. LIHEAP assists households that are in a home heating crisis. The deepening of cold winter weather combined with rising utility costs leaves many households unable to fully meet heating bills or purchase sufficient bulk fuel to keep their families safe and warm. Your local Community Action Partnership (CAP) stands ready to help!

Last year over 250 residents of Anderson County received financial assistance and emergency services from the LIHEAP Crisis component.

A household shall be considered to be in a home heating crisis situation when the household meets the basic LIHEAP eligibility criteria and:

- The household is within four (4) days of running out of fuel if bulk fuel (coal, fuel oil, propane, kerosene, or wood) is the heat source;
- The household has received a past due/disconnect notice if natural gas or electric is the heat source; or
- The household's home heating costs are included as an undesignated portion of the rent, and the household has received an eviction notice for non-payment of rent from the landlord.

•Pre-paid Electric customers are eligible to receive LIHEAP assistance if they certify that they have 10 days or less of pre-paid electric remaining.

For all bulk fuels (wood, coal, propane, fuel oil, kerosene) verification of a crisis situation may be self-declaration by the applicant. For natural gas and electric heated households, the applicant must present an appropriate disconnect notice from the utility company.

Applications will be taken at convenient CAP locations in each county. Applicants are encouraged to apply at the location nearest to them in their county of residence. Days, hours of operation, locations and telephone numbers are listed below:

- *Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Phone 502-839-7102, 117 Hilltop Drive, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342

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SPECIAL MASTER COMMISSIONER OF ANDERSON CIRCUIT COURT

By virtue of orders of the Anderson Circuit Court in the below listed actions, I shall proceed to offer for sale, at public auction, the real estate described herein to the highest and best bidder at the Anderson County Courthouse, Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, on Thursday, January 3, 2013 at or about 1:00 p.m. E.D.T., which real estate is located in Anderson County, Kentucky, to-wit:

SALE NO. 1: Wells Fargo v. Earl Thomas Carlton, et al., Civil Action No. 09-CI-268, Anderson Circuit Court, Anderson County, Kentucky; said property being more commonly known as 107 Dickens Street, Lawrenceburg, Kentucky 40342, of record in Deed Book 203, Page 1906 in the County Clerk's Office, Anderson County, Kentucky.

SALE NO. 2: Century Bank of Kentucky, Inc. v. Lucille L. Driskell, et al.,

Civil Action No. 12-CI-161, Anderson Circuit Court, Anderson County, Kentucky; said property containing 5.542 acres and is located near Woodspoint Drive, Lawrenceburg, Kentucky 40342, of record in Deed Book 214, Page 377 in the County Clerk's Office, Anderson County, Kentucky.

SALE NO. 3: Town & Country Bank and Trust v. Ben R. Engler, et al., Civil Action No. 12-CI-347, Anderson Circuit Court, Anderson County, Kentucky; said property being more commonly known as 122 Center Street, Lawrenceburg, Kentucky 40342, of record in Deed Book 129, Page 496 in the County Clerk's Office, Anderson County, Kentucky.

The foregoing parcel of real estate shall be sold on terms of cash deposit or cashier's check or certified check in the amount of the purchase price, or 10% down at the time of sale and the balance thereof due and payable in thirty (30) days after date of sale. The purchaser(s) of said real estate shall have the right to pay all or any part of the purchase price by cashier's or certified check on day of sale; if the purchaser(s) does not elect to pay the entire purchase price by cashier's or certified check, the Special Master Commissioner shall take

from the purchaser(s) by cashier's or certified check the sum of 10% down and a good and sufficient bond with surety acceptable to the Master Commissioner payable to the Special Master Commissioner for the balance of said purchase price, and bearing interest from date of sale at the rate of 12% per annum until paid in full. Compliance with the foregoing terms shall be at the time of the sale and the requirement of good surety shall not be waived by the Special Master Commissioner under any circumstance other than prior order of the Court. The bid of any purchaser not complying with said terms shall be rejected by the Master Commissioner and the property immediately resold.

Each tract or parcel of real estate shall be sold subject to the following:

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B. Easements, restrictions, stipulations and agreements of record in the Office of the Clerk of the County Court of Anderson County, Kentucky;

C. Assessments for public improvements levied against the property;

D. Any facts which an

inspection and accurate survey of the property may disclose; and

E. Any and all planning and zoning regulations imposed upon the subject property.

SALE NO. 1:

The amount of money to be raised is the sum of \$121,717.70 plus interest and costs as set out in a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Anderson Circuit Court dated October 18, 2012 and May 5, 2010.

SALE NO. 2:

The amount of money to be raised is the sum of \$22,398.73 plus interest and costs as set out in a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Anderson Circuit Court dated November 9, 2012.

SALE NO. 3:

The amount of money to be raised is the sum of \$55,542.66 plus interest and costs as set out in a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Anderson Circuit Court dated November 21, 2012.

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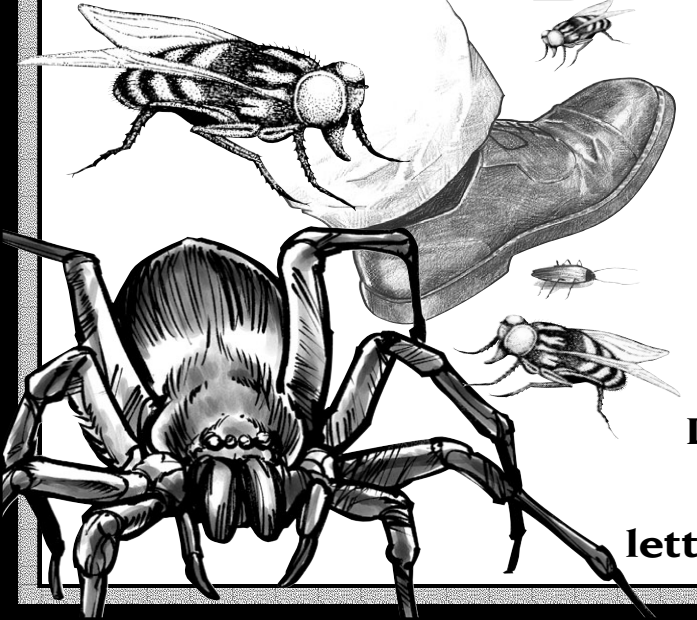
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property, attempted cultivation of marijuana (five or more plants), buy/possess drug paraphernalia – commonwealth to issue brief by Dec. 13, defense to reply by Dec. 27.

Renee Carper, motion for review, three counts of theft by deception (less than \$500) – failed to appear, show cause.

Steven S. Colvin, disposition, trafficking marijuana (less than eight oz.) – continued to Dec. 13.

Kristy C. Devine, diversion completion, second-degree criminal trespassing – dismissed.

Elisa H. Drees, disposition, possession of marijuana – pleaded guilty, sentencing diverted six months, \$100 to Anderson County Drug Interdiction Fund, \$253, review Dec. 13, installment/deferred payment May 2; buy/possess drug paraphernalia – pleaded guilty, sentencing diverted six months.

Bradley W. Driskell, disposition, fourth-degree assault (domestic violence, no visible injury) – amended to harassment (physical contact), pleaded guilty, sentenced to 30 days (conditionally discharged two years, concurrent).

Bradley W. Driskell, disposition, operating a motor vehicle under the influence – amended to first offense (no aggravator), pleaded guilty, sentenced to 30 days (conditionally discharged two years, concurrent), 30 day operator license suspension, \$728; menacing, license to be in possession – dismissed.

Kevin J. Elder, review, fraudulent use of credit card (less than \$500 in six month period) – Commonwealth to file motion to revoke.

Brittany N. Gatewood, arraignment, three counts of theft by deception (less than \$500) – pleaded guilty, sentencing Feb. 21.

John T. Gillespie, sentencing, theft by deception (less than \$500) – continued to Nov. 29.

Amy Denise M. Graham, pretrial conference, two counts of endangering the welfare of a minor – stipulated to probable cause, dismissed.

Amy Denise M. Graham, pretrial conference, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance – dismissed; failure to surrender revoked operator's license, no operator/moped license – merged; operating on suspended/revoked operator's license – pleaded guilty, sentenced to four days to serve (credit time served).

Ronald S. Hale, motion to revoke, theft by failure to make required disposition of property – remanded.

Cedric L. Hatton, disposition, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, first-degree disorderly conduct, menacing, resisting arrest – continued to Jan. 24.

Glendon D. Hedges, sentencing, possession of marijuana, buy/possess drug paraphernalia – continued to Feb. 21.

Jordan T. Kinder, arraignment, receiving stolen property (less than \$500), theft by unlawful taking – pleaded not guilty, pretrial conference Dec. 13.

Dennis King, motion for review, three counts of theft by deception (less than \$300) – continued to Mar. 21.

Tia Lahue, motion to review, two counts of theft by deception (less than \$500) – continued to July 25.

Sandy S. Lilly, arraignment, theft by deception (less than \$500) – pleaded guilty, sentenced to six months (probated two years), review Mar. 21.

Jessie D. Luttrell, disposition, fourth-degree assault (domestic violence, minor injury) – dismissed.

James C. Means, motion for review, theft by deception (less than \$300) – bench warrant.

Deanna R. Morgan, arraignment, second-

degree burglary – pleaded not guilty, preliminary hearing Dec. 13.

Kathi B. Norvell, review, operating a motor vehicle under the influence – pretrial conference Jan. 7, jury trial Feb. 4.

Glenn D. Oldham, arraignment, second-degree criminal possession of forged instrument – pleaded not guilty, preliminary hearing Dec. 13.

Charles D. Peach, Jr., show cause, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, no operator/moped license – continued to Dec. 13.

Richard W. Peach, Jr., show cause, possession of marijuana, buy/possess drug paraphernalia, two counts of second-degree possession of controlled substance – continued to Nov. 29.

James D. Perry, show cause, theft by unlawful taking (shoplifting) – paid.

Trudy L. Ray, arraignment, theft by deception (less than \$500) – failed to appear, bench warrant.

Steven L. Reynolds, Jr., disposition, trafficking in marijuana (less than eight oz.) – continued to Dec. 13.

Ashley Rutherford, motion to revoke probation, theft by deception (less than \$500) – continued to Mar. 22.

Anita M. Sallee, motion to revoke probation, theft by unlawful taking (less than \$300) – continued to Dec. 27.

Charles L. Scharbrough, arraignment, cultivation of marijuana (five or more plants) – amended to less than five plants, pleaded guilty, sentenced to 45 days (conditionally discharged one year), \$153.

Angelina Scott, disposition, theft by unlawful taking (shoplifting) – pleaded guilty, sentenced to 30 days (conditionally discharged two years), \$153, installment/deferred payment Feb. 21.

Daniel B. Simpson, show cause, first-degree possession of controlled substance (heroin) – failed to appear, bench warrant.

Johnitez D. Smith, show cause, complicity theft by unlawful taking – bench warrant.

Jamie Stewart, motion for expungement, theft by deception (less than \$300) – overruled.

Brittany A. Sudduth, review, public intoxication controlled substance, attempted tampering with physical evidence, buy/possess drug paraphernalia, two counts of second-degree possession controlled substance, third-degree possession controlled substance – paid.

Tye A. Sutherland, continued first appearance, second-degree fleeing or evading police (motor vehicle), endangering the welfare of a minor – pleaded not guilty, motion/disposition/trial date Jan. 24.

Renee Tate, show cause, three counts of theft by deception (less than \$300) – paid.

Jason D. Thornberry, preliminary hearing, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, possession of marijuana, two counts of buy/possess drug paraphernalia, trafficking in marijuana (less than eight oz.), first-degree possession of controlled substance, two counts of third-degree possession of controlled substance – continued to Nov. 29.

Darrin B. Willard, arraignment, trafficking in controlled substance – amended to third-degree trafficking in controlled substance, pleaded not guilty, motion/disposition/trial date Jan. 24.

Branden L. Yates, motion to withdraw as counsel, fourth-degree assault (domestic violence, minor injury), third-degree terroristic threatening – motion sustained.

Robert G. Brooks, show cause, controlled substance prescription not in original container – bench warrant.

Brian Allen Dettmer, show cause, operating on suspended/revoked operator's license, second-degree fleeing

or evading police (on foot), second-degree disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, third-degree criminal mischief, operating a motor vehicle under the influence – failure to appear to remain in case.

Thomas W. McKinney, show cause, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – failed to appear.

David A. Meece, show cause, operating a motor vehicle under the influence – continued to May 16.

Tamayas Moore, show cause, no operator/moped license, possession of marijuana, third-degree possession of controlled substance, carrying a concealed deadly weapon – failed to appear, bench warrant.

Colton Riggs, show cause, operating on suspended/revoked operator's license – failed to appear.

Destry G. Sharp, show cause, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – continued to Jan. 24.

Tye A. Sutherland, show cause, possession of marijuana, buy/possess drug paraphernalia, criminal littering – continued to Dec. 13.

Thomas R. Combs, preliminary hearing, theft by unlawful taking (auto) – continued to Dec. 13.

Benjamin T. Cox, hearing, eight counts of theft by deception (less than \$500) – release on bench warrant, review Sept. 19.

Rebecca Hagan, preliminary hearing, two counts of second-degree complicity burglary, receiving stolen property (less than \$500) – waived to Grand Jury.

Benjamin K. Patrick, pretrial conference, operating a motor vehicle under the influence – to enter plea Jan. 24.

Robert D. Woods, preliminary hearing, two counts of second-degree burglary, second-degree criminal mischief, two counts of theft by unlawful taking, theft of identity of another without consent – waived to Grand Jury.

Judge Donna Dutton heard the following cases during Anderson District Court proceedings on Nov. 19.

Joshua R. McNees, hearing, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – reinstated \$400 fine, fines and costs converted to eight days to serve (credit time served), \$243 of fines and costs waived.

Jonny K. Wardle, review, possession of marijuana, use/possess drug paraphernalia – motion granted, 50 days probated, new probation agreement.

Joshua N. Moore, hearing, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, failure to notify department of transportation of address change – bonded out.

Joseph B. Baumgardner, arraignment, first-degree trafficking in controlled substance (heroin) – amended to first offense, pleaded not guilty, preliminary hearing Nov. 29; possession of marijuana, buy/possess drug paraphernalia – pleaded not guilty, preliminary hearing Nov. 29.

Kenneth Craig, hearing, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – fines and costs converted to 13 days to serve (credit time served, concurrent with time serving).

Kenneth Craig, hearing, operating on suspended/revoked operator's license – pleaded not guilty, disposition Dec. 17.

Douglas W. Williams, Jr., arraignment, second-degree assault – pleaded not guilty, preliminary hearing Nov. 29.

Robert Glanz, arraignment, trafficking in marijuana (less than eight oz.) – pleaded not guilty, pretrial conference Dec. 12, motion/disposition/trial date Dec. 20.



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LOCKS OF LOVE DONATION

Gracie Sea, 6, recently donated about 12 inches of hair to Locks of Love when getting her first haircut at Top Notch Salon in Lawrenceburg. 'She loves Rapunzel and now she feels like Rapunzel at the end of the movie,' Gracie's mother, Carrie Sea, said. Gracie is a first grader at Robert B. Turner in Ms. Woodyard's class. She is the daughter of Keith and Carrie Sea and the granddaughter of Robert and Irene Scrogham and Libby Sea.

Store's campaign raises funds for 4-H

From staff reports

Anderson County 4-H Council will receive \$355 from the Kentucky 4-H Foundation as part of the Tractor Supply Company (TSC) Paper Clover Campaign, the agency announced.

The Kentucky 4-H Foundation will distribute more than \$14,000 to 45 County 4-H Councils.

The campaign is a nationwide, in-store fundraiser that benefits 4-H programming at the local, state and national levels. During the campaign, the store's customers can support 4-H by purchasing paper clovers for a \$1 or more at checkout.

This is the third year that 4-H and the store have partnered to promote this national campaign. Since April 2010, Kentucky alone has raised \$83,956.73 through the campaign, with each campaign raising more money than the previous one.

During the September promotion, the 45 Tractor Supply stores in Kentucky raised \$23,594 for 4-H programs. Of the total raised, 60 percent will go to support 4-H programs in the county or area that the TSC store serves. The National 4-H Council receives 30 percent for programming and underwriting the campaign and 10 percent is available to state level programs.

A complete listing of the funds raised at all 45 Kentucky TSC stores is available on the Foundation's website at www.kentucky4hfoundation.org.



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